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RAJASTHAN FACE TITANIC CHALLENGE IN IPL FINAL

Gujarat Titans and Rajasthan Royals brace themselves for one last battle in Ahmedabad on Sunday to attain glory

CONTRASTING JOURNEY TO THE TOP

While Rajasthan rode on the consistency of Jos Buttler with the bat and Yuzvendra Chahal with the ball, Titans provided the most consistent team performance throughout the league stage with one player or the other coming to their rescue. On the big day, it will be all about whether the collective team effort can pip the individual stars

GUJARAT BOWLERS vs ROYAL BATTING

- For Rajasthan, it will be about finding their heroes in the middle-order against a top-quality bowling attack, led by Rashid Khan, as they have struggled once the top-order falls
- Titans have relied heavily on David Miller and skipper Hardik Pandya, but they would want Shubman Gill to step up P13

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PRIZE MONEY FOR THE WINNERS WHILE THE RUNNERS-UP WILL GET ₹13 CRORE

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'In 8 yrs, haven't given reason to hang head in shame'

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi, who completed eight years in office on May 26, said on Saturday that his government has left no stone unturned in protecting the dignity of all Indian citizens.

Keeping people-centric governance as the motto, the government has not given a single reason to make anyone hang their head in shame in the past eight years, Modi claimed while speaking at an event in Gujarat's Rajkot.

"In the past eight years, we have tried to make our country the kind of India Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel dreamt of. I have not done anything, even by mistake, which would make any citizen feel ashamed. We have given priority for good governance," Modi said while inaugurating a multispecialty hospital at Atkot in Rajkot district.

Modi claimed his government has eased the life of the poor and the middle class. "When everyone gets their due, there is no scope for discrimination or corruption," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking at an event in Gujarat on Saturday | PTI

Modi pointed out that Mahatma Gandhi wanted an India in which the poor, Dalits and women are empowered, where cleanliness and good health are part of life, and where economy is based on swadeshi solutions, adding that his government has scored on all these.

Extolling the achievements of his government, he said, "When pandemic began, the poor began facing a food crisis. We opened the food grain stores for the people. For a life of dignity to women, direct transfer was made to Jan-Dhan bank accounts. Money was transferred to the bank accounts of farmers... free gas cylinders were given to the poorest of the poor. We also ensured free Covid vaccines for every Indian."

Targeting the Opposition, he said some parties blindly oppose anything and everything his government does for political reasons.

CODE VIOLATION

Police file FIR against Minister Ashwath Narayan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

THE Mandya West Police have registered an FIR against Higher Education and IT/BT Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan and BJP candidate M V Ravishankar on charges of violating the model code of conduct while campaigning for Karnataka Legislative Council elections from the South Graduates' Constituency scheduled to be held on June 13.

The FIR was filed following directions from the Second Judicial Magistrate of First Class Court under the Representation of People Act and under various provisions of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for campaigning for Ravishankar in Mandya Pre-University College and Mandya Medical College.

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Fresh plea in SC against Places of Worship Act

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

ATTEMPTS to challenge the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 have re-emerged amid the controversy over a Shivalinga-like structure being found in the Gyanvapi mosque. The latest to move the Supreme Court is Devkinandan Thakur, a Mathura-based religious guru. His petition challenges certain sections of the 1991 law, claiming these violate the rights of religious groups to seek judicial intervention to reclaim their places of worship.

The 1991 law passed by the then Congress government, preserves the character of a religious place as it stood on August 15, 1947. The plea states that the Centre has "transgressed its legislative power" by barring remedy of judicial review which is a basic feature of the Constitution. The plea by Thakur challenges the validity of Sections 2, 3, and 4 of the law. "The injury caused to the Hindus, Jains, Buddhists and Sikhs is extremely large because sections 2, 3, 4 of the Act has taken away the right to approach the court and thus right to judicial remedy has been closed," he said. While Section 3 deals with the bar of conversion of places of worship, Section 4 pertains to the declaration as to the religious character of certain places of worship and the bar of jurisdiction of courts.

"The Hindus are fighting for restoration of the birthplace of Lord Krishna but while enacting the Act, the Centre has excluded the birthplace of Lord Ram at Ayodhya but not the birthplace of Lord Krishna in Mathura, though both are incarnations of Lord Vishnu," it said.

Curious delay in military sat launch

CHANDAN NANDY @ New Delhi

ARE misplaced priorities of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) hurting Indian armed forces' communication and navigation systems? Four dedicated navigation satellites of the Indian armed forces, which would have improved the defence establishment's communication systems by several notches, are yet to go up in space. Reason: ISRO's "misperceived priorities" in general and the decision by its former chairman K Sivan to put their launch in the backburner, sources said.

Curiously, another critical component of the Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) programme built and designed to provide accurate real-time positioning and timing services to the Indian defence forces has also been delayed by three years at the defence ministry level. Sources said NavIC's accuracy has been hampered because the satellites are not in place.

Hold-up not due to priority issues: Sivan

The delay was not because of priority issues but due to difficulty in procuring a particular type of sensor, said former ISRO chairman K Sivan, adding that the pandemic also played a role

The navigation component, called 'reference stations', which are used in heavy artillery for locating very precisely enemy targets on mountainous terrain as well as plains, was first delayed by three years as the Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) under the defence ministry posed several questions to Indian suppliers.

According to some Indian firms, said there is now a three-month delay in the process because the DGQA has been insisting on several tests of the equipment before they are finally commissioned. P10

ECO LOSS

Rock bees prefer safe bldg corners

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

DIMINISHING tree cover and emphasis on 3D architectural structures in cities are causing honey bees — especially rock bees (Apis dorsata) — to seek niches in such structures to build honeycombs, much to the fear of residents and occupants of such buildings.

3D spaces are corners of buildings where three sides are covered with structures, providing sufficient shade, little sunlight, and additional pillar spaces without any base below them. Such spaces to build their honeycombs provide protection from predators like Honey Buzzard.

Entomologists said since use of glass structures, air-conditioners, cement and stone is high in architectural designs these days, additions which are done using pillars for aesthetic beauty keep corners of buildings cool, proving ideal for bees to build their colonies in these spaces.

The rise in bee colonies on tall residential and commercial buildings has caught the attention of All India Council of Honey Bees and state organisations to check on reasons and their numbers.

As per a 2021 survey, there were 8,000 such bee colonies in Bengaluru alone. This year, even as the survey is ongoing, entomologists have seen a drop by 5-10 per cent because of such hives being destroyed by residents and occupants with help of lay experts specialising in beehive demolition — a thing discouraged by apiarian experts and entomologists. P5

NO BARS HERE

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HOW YOUNG INDIA THINKS
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JAB-O-METER
TAKE YOUR SHOT
May 27 12,64,122 doses
May 28 12,17,432 doses
TOTAL DOSES 1,93,26,76,918

NATIONWIDE	MAY 27	MAY 28
Fresh cases	2,710	2,685
Recoveries	2,296	2,158
Deaths	14	33

KARNATAKA	MAY 27	MAY 28
Fresh cases	171	196
Recoveries	121	125
Deaths	0	0

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Sunday:** 29/05/2022 • **Year:** Shubhakruta • **Ayana:** Uttharayana
• **Ritu:** Vasantha • **Masa:** Vaishaka • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Chathurdashi 1.55 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Krithika (Wholeday) • Moon in Vrishabha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
• **Gulikakala:** 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 31°C
FORECAST
Morning clouds

Sunrise 5.52 am
Sunset 6.41 pm
Moonrise 4.51 am
Moonset 5.50 pm

NO BARS HERE

Inmates prepare themselves for a better life with education

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

WHEN one thinks of a prison, the first image that comes to mind is an endless row of cells with inmates in uniform serving their sentences out. But at the Bengaluru Central Prison, inmates are determined to erase their horrid pasts and walk to freedom having received a priceless commodity – education.

As many as 1,460 inmates of the prison in Parappana Agrahara wrote the Literacy Mission Exams on May 15, and regular classes are a common sight here. Every inmate, or shall we say student, whether he is convicted or being tried for murder or kidnap or rape, sits here with books and pens aiming to at least be able to sign his or her name before leaving the prison.

"These 30 women students of my class, who didn't even know Kannada alphabets, can now read sentences in Kannada, solve math problems, sign their names and more," says M Shylaja, a teacher who has been on deputation to the prison for the last seven years.

The schools, one each at male and female barracks, begin at 10 am and go on till 1 pm and then break for lunch. Inmates aged between 18 and 65 and some even older return to the classes at 3 pm for another hour of study before the school ends.

Swapna (name changed), a woman prisoner from Bangladesh, and Hima (name changed) from Uganda can now read and write in Kannada. "Before our release, we not only would have gained knowledge of a new language, but also learnt a bit of money management. I was reluctant at first but my cell mates told me about the importance of education," says Deepika (name changed), a prisoner from Hassan who is serving a life term for murder.

"Though we have telephones to talk, writing to my family gives me comfort, thanks to this literacy programme. I had already studied till Class 7, but was hesitant and had forgotten how to write. Now that I have learnt to write, I pen letters to my 14-year-old son who waits for them every fortnight," says Ramappa Naik (name changed).

Though several prisoners have written SSLC and PUC exams through National Institute of Open Schooling and many, while being in jail, have graduated in law, journalism, literature etc, the Karnataka government did a survey in 2021 to check the literacy level of inmates. "We found that of about 15,000 inmates — both convicts and undertrials lodged in 51 prisons in the state — close to 5,000 were found to be completely illiterate or with a capacity to only sign," explains Chief Superintendent of Prison Ranganath. Later, the state government expanded the literacy programme to enable such prisoners to read and write from November 1, 2021.

"With this, several minds have transformed. I have been in this jail for 12 years and have seen improvement through skill development courses and literacy programmes," says Chandranna (name changed), a convict.

According to DG, Prisons, Alok Mohan, inmates who are already educated are also roped in to teach. "We form batches of 10 inmates who are illiterate, and bring them under the wings of inmates who can read and write," he explained.

The prison gets seven newspapers, magazines and has nearly 5,000 books in its library. Bringing outsiders into male barracks is risky and using educated prisoners will not just motivate the others, but will also be more successful in convincing those reluctant to come to school.

Prisoners chosen to teach illiterate prisoners will be trained through the trainers' syllabus 'Balige Belaku', brought out by the Mass Education Department. "We are planning to provide remuneration to prisoners who teach," added Mohan.

The Bengaluru Central Prison currently has 211 prisoners taking SSLC exams and 103 of them have written PU II exams. Of the women prisoners, the prison has two CAs, 12 BA/BBM/BCom graduates, two MCom/MSc graduates and two BE graduates.

Among men, there are PhD holders, three doctors, 28 BE/BCA holders, 111 BA/MA graduates, 116 ITI/diploma holders, 75 BCom/MCom graduates and about 30 BSc/MSc graduates.

POETS' CORNER

Chief Superintendent or Prisons P Ranganath spends at least two hours a week with a heap of papers editing and fine tuning poems penned by the inmates. Passionate about literature himself, Ranganath had collected poems penned by prisoners of Shivamogga District Prison in 2012 and released an anthology of poems, Bandhanada Bhaava Lahari (Emotions of the imprisoned) almost a decade later. "In 2012, after I introduced a few programmes through our own inmates many of them began to write poems and read them out to me. Every poem was heart wrenching and some extremely thought provoking," says Ranganath. Now, in Bengaluru he intends to it again. "There are thousands of poems lying there to be read but we are looking for a publisher. Several of them can be read out in our kavighoshtis (poets' meets). The use of metaphors, flowery language and deep emotions is simply unexplainable. You need to read them to know it," he says. Prisoners expect the state government to come forward and publish these poems. These can even be sold at book stalls or even sent to state libraries, they say.

BLOOD ART

Artist and teacher Sangamesh Bagli dips his brush in his own blood to pay tributes to the country's greats and their sacrifices

MAHESH M GOUDAR @Jamkhandi/Bagalkot

IT's truly a labour of blood and sweat for Sangamesh Bagli. The 52-year-old drawing teacher from Jamkhandi has painted a stupendous 325 paintings and portraits, using his own blood as dye for the sketches.

Sangamesh Bagli, employed with a state-run high school at Hosur village, and a resident of Jamkhandi town, stands apart from other professional painters for his choice of medium. Though he's also done thousands of paintings in regular colours, he says his sketches in blood have left many people, including elected representatives and bureaucrats, speechless.

Sangamesh has used his blood to paint portraits of social reformers from the 12th century to the 21st century, freedom fighters who lived between 1857 and 1947, Bharat Ratna awardees, scientists, sports personalities and politicians, besides theme-based paintings on social issues.

Sangamesh says he needs at least 15ml of blood for each portrait, and over 20ml for theme-based paintings. He and his family members claim that the loss of blood has never made him ill. After drawing blood for a painting, he takes a day to complete a portrait.

It was a Kannada movie on the life of freedom fighter Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna in 2012 that drove him to use his own blood for paintings. "The storyline of this movie revolves around the sacrifices made by our ancestors in order to get Independence from the British. Thousands of freedom fighters gave their blood and life for this country. This movie inspired me to give a fresh and different approach to my paintings," he told The New Sunday Express.

"If we are walking freely today, it's only because of the sacrifices made by our ancestors. This is my unique way of paying tribute to all the great personalities of this nation, and to make their sacrifice count. I believe that painting portraits of renowned persons and freedom fighters in blood will attract more people towards my work and theme behind it, and also spark patriotism among youngsters," added Bagli.

Sangamesh undergoes a mandatory medical check-up prior to drawing blood. "Before extracting blood, I undergo a minor check-up for the platelet count and haemoglobin level. It's been nearly a decade but I have never come across any health issues. Appreciating my work, lab technicians provide me free service," he smiles.

Recalling the release of his first 50 paintings drawn in blood, on a single day in 2013, he said, "It was one of the most memorable days of my life. The response from the public, critics and others was overwhelming. It inspired me to draw over 300 paintings of international and national figures. I will continue this work till the Almighty permits."

At present, he is working on the life history of Bharat Ratna Dr B R Ambedkar, which is expected to be released next month. With this project, he educates people about Ambedkar and important events of his life. His last painting in blood was of late Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, who died in an air crash recently.

Sangamesh Bagli has displayed his works in renowned art galleries in Delhi, Haryana and eight districts of Karnataka, including Bengaluru. He aims to display his works abroad with the government's support. He runs his own 'Sangamesh Art Gallery' in Jamkhandi, which was set up 27 years ago.

He is also the recipient of many awards, including an honorary doctorate from the World Record University 2017 and Creative Teacher Award.

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325 Paintings and portraits, using his own blood as dye for the sketches

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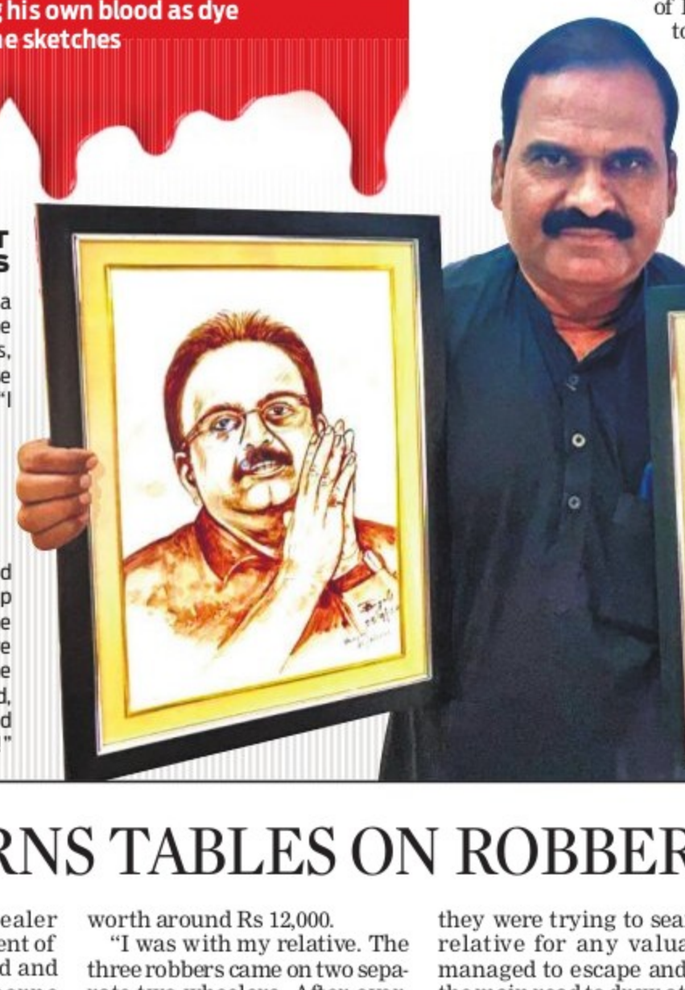

VISUAL ART LESSONS

Bagli has also set up a unique art gallery in the school where he works, which has attracted praise from higher authorities. "I use my paintings in all possible ways. The art gallery will ease the way of learning for high school students. I have paintings on every subject, formula and theories. They help students understand the subject easily, and score well in exams too," he said, hastening to add, "No, I don't use my blood for these paintings!"

FACE PENALTY

Confiscate debris dumped on roads, says Palike chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

AFTER coming across incidents of construction materials and debris being dumped on road side and public places during inspection, the Chief Commissioner of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Tushar Girinath has given a standing instruction to BBMP engineers to seize all the materials and also impose penalty on contractors.

At a review meeting with zonal commissioners, Girinath said that due to the ongoing works in civic agencies like BWSSB, Bescom and others, it has come to his notice that the general public is inconvenienced by the materials dumped on the roads, which results in reduced space. Therefore, he has ordered that penalty be imposed on contractors.

The Commissioner who also held a virtual conference with zonal commissioners instructed them to take up patch work inspection through the day and night and fix the potholes.

He directed the officials concerned to arrange for 25 truck loads of bitumen mix for the patch work.

Girinath also asked the officials to keep an eye on the highly vulnerable 27 and vulnerable 45 areas prone to flooding and take up steps in advance to prevent flooding during rain. Officials were also asked to clear the silt from road side, drains and directed them to make sure roads are not flooded during downpour. Based on the traffic department's information about roads and stretches that get flooded to inspect and find solutions.

SCRAP DEALER TURNS TABLES ON ROBBERS, NABS TWO

PRAVEEN KUMAR @Bengaluru

A 40-year-old scrap dealer who was robbed at knife-point turned the tables on his robbers by alerting passersby, friends and relatives who rushed to the spot. Despite being attacked by a gang of three armed robbers who wielded lethal weapons, he managed to nab two of the three accused with help from public. The arrested have been handed over to Tavarekere police on Magadi Road.

G Madhu, a scrap dealer since 15 years and a resident of Rajajinagar, was attacked and robbed by three bike-borne men on Magadi Main Road. The dealer regularly travels in his luggage carrier vehicle to layouts on the outskirts of the city to buy scrap from public.

The incident took place on Friday afternoon at around 12.30 pm near a petrol bunk in Tavarekere when Madhu's vehicle was stopped by the accused who robbed him of cash worth around Rs 12,000.

"I was with my relative. The three robbers came on two separate two-wheelers. After overtaking, they stopped their bikes in front of my vehicle, forcing me to apply brakes. They threatened my relative and me at knife-point and asked us to get down from our vehicle. Since they were armed with lethal weapons we were scared and got down. After attacking me, they robbed me Rs 12,000 cash which I was carrying. When they were trying to search my relative for any valuables, I managed to escape and ran to the main road to draw attention of passersby. I also managed to call my friends and relatives who stay nearby. With the help of public I nabbed two robbers while the third one managed to escape. The two accused have been handed over to the local police," Madhu told TNSE.

One of the two-wheelers was a Bullet and the other one was a bike. Both two-wheelers have been seized from the accused. Based on the registration numbers, the police are trying to find out the details of the owners. "We suspect that the accused might have stolen the two-wheelers and used them for carrying out the robbery. We have learnt that the robbers are habitual offenders and have robbed other shopkeepers in the vicinity," said a police officer.

Madhu has filed a complaint at Tavarekere police station.

IN BOOKLAND

Book lovers at a book store on Church Street to meet and interact with authors and buy their favourite tomes at a 'Book Hopping' event in Bengaluru on Saturday. The event aims to bring back the pleasure of reading | VINOD KUMAR.T

App helps LGBT community fight stigma

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

WITH Pride Month just around the corner, Evolve, a health-tech startup, is working towards making mental health solutions more accessible to this community as well as individuals.

The app, by the same name, was recently recognised by Google Play as one of the best healthcare and personal growth apps. It simulates one-on-one interactive therapy sessions based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy.

"We're focused on allowing users to work on their key problems whether it's experiencing burnout at work, toxic relationships or even homophobia from friends. We've looked to distinguish ourselves in three areas. The first is our proprietary interface that is interactive and designed to simulate in-person sessions conducted by a therapist or a life coach. The second is our design and user experience. Finally, we build content that is contextual to users' lives," Anshul Kamath, Evolve co-founder, said.

While the app wasn't initially geared towards the LGBT community, Kamath and co-founder Rohan Arora found that there was a growing need for mental health services for the community.

"From college students to CEOs, I observed one common problem - no one knew how to manage their emotions, which stopped them from growing as individuals and leaders. One of the biggest trends we noticed, thanks to Google Playstore, was the need for mental health in the LGBTQ+ community. We noticed a big surge in our conversion rates and this trend continued even post Pride Month last year," Kamath said.

DURATION OF PANDEMIC	CASES REPORTED	DEATHS	DISCHARGES
2 YEARS, 81 DAYS	■ 196 ◄ 171	■ 0 | ◄ 0	■ 125 | ◄ 121
	TALLY	POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
■ TODAY ◄ YESTERDAY	■ 39,51,498 ◄ 39,51,302	■ 5.96% | ◄ 5.96%	■ 1.01% | ◄ 1.01%
	ACTIVE CASES ■ 1,898 ◄ 1,827		RECOVERY RATE ■ 98.93% ◄ 98.93%

B'luru Urban: 175	Chamarajanagar: 0	Dharwad: 3	Kolara: 0	Shivamogga: 0
B'luru Rural: 5	Chikkaballapur: 0	Gadag: 0	Koppal: 0	Tumakuru: 1
Bagalkot: 1	Chikkamagaluru: 1	Hassan: 1	Mandya: 0	Udupi: 0
Ballari: 0	Chitradurga: 2	Haveri: 0	Mysuru: 1	U Kannada: 0
Belagavi: 0	D Kannada: 0	Kalaburagi: 0	Raichur: 0	Vijayapura: 1
Bidar: 0	Davanagere: 0	Kodagu: 0	Ramanagara: 0	Yadgir: 0

CRIME PATROL

Kundapur CA held for abetting suicide

Udupi: Kundapur police arrested a Chartered Accountant on charges of abetment to suicide following the death of a senior citizen who allegedly shot himself with his licensed revolver in Koteshwara under Kundapur police station on Thursday. Police said the arrested is Ganesh Shetty. The deceased Katte Gopalakrishna Rao (78), a resident of Koteshwar and the owner of Chinmayi Hospital in Kundapur went to Shetty's house, where he shot himself dead on Thursday. A death note suggested that Rao was expecting about ₹9 cr from Shetty. There was also a mention of 5 kg of gold and ₹3.34 crore given to the accused for some investment purpose. **ENS**

Habitual sports cycle lifter arrested

Bengaluru: A habitual sports cycle lifter, accused of stealing 54 cycles worth around Rs 6 lakh, has been arrested. The 48-year-old accused has been identified as Balraj alias Bala, a resident of Mylasandra. Balraj, who was earlier staying in Thilaknagar, had stolen cycles in the South, West and South-East police jurisdictions in the city. He stole only branded cycles and sold them for Rs 2,000 to Rs 3,000. Some of the cycles stolen by him are valued to be around Rs 60,000. "The accused is an alcoholic. Whenever he faced shortage of money, he would steal a cycle and sell it at a cheaper price. He would then spend the money by drinking in some upscale restaurant. He was initially a house thief for which he had been jailed. After coming out of prison, he became a cycle thief," said a police official. The accused was said to be under the impression that the police would not be interested in investigating cycle theft cases. He also thought that owners of the stolen cycles would not lodge any complaint. **ENS**

HC sets deadlines for probing criminal cases

Issues 17 guidelines, fixes 60 days for petty offences and 90 days for serious and heinous offences

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@ Bengaluru

CLASSIFYING criminal offences as petty, serious and heinous offences, the Karnataka High Court has issued guidelines for speedy investigation, fixing 60 days for petty offences and 90 days for serious and heinous offences, which could be extended by Special Judge/ Magistrate upon request made by the investigating officers with valid reasons.

Justice S Sunil Dutt Yadav issued 17 guidelines taking note of the inordinate delay in investigation into the disproportionate assets case against MLA Abhay Kumar B Patil of Belagavi and alleged life threat to the complainant by the MLA and his henchmen to withdraw the complaint and attempts to implicate him in a false case.

There was no status report filed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Belagavi, since 2017, giving reasons for the inordinate delay. On the contrary, every possible attempt is being made to cause further delay and provide an opportunity to the accused to destroy the incriminating evidence available against him, the complainant, who had written to Chief Justices of High Court and Supreme Court, alleged.

"In cases involving influential public personalities, Section 164 of the CrPC should be resorted to more frequently. While investigation of offences is the exclusive domain of the police, the judicial magistrate should have a role to play to counter the moves of persons in influential positions in subverting the effective process of investigation. Accordingly, the investigation officer should bring to the notice of the magistrate the bottlenecks, if any, that are coming in the way of speedy investigation including the attempts being made by the accused to hinder the investigation. The magistrate should send a report to the district judge for appropriate action on the administrative side to eliminate delays", the court said.

The 17 guidelines include setting up of a separate investigation wing with dedicated personnel in police stations with necessary training imparted so as to inculcate professionalism in investigation, strategies to unearth and detect crimes, steps to be taken to familiarise personnel with necessary knowledge relating to technology involved in cyber crimes, money laundering and corruption offences.

In the event of failure to complete investigation in an expeditious manner, the court suggested to invoke the provisions under the Karnataka Police Act to file complaint with the State and District Police Complaint Authority to ensure accountability of the investigating officers.

It placed on record its appreciation for the assistance of Amicus Curiae, Senior Advocate Sandesh Chouta.

Hundreds of PSI aspirants continue stir

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

HUNDREDS of PSI aspirants continued their protest at Freedom Park on Saturday to demand cancellation of re-exams for PSI recruitment announced by the state government. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai visited Freedom Park around 1.30 pm and assured the aspirants that the government will take a final decision once the CID completes the investigation and submits a report.

A senior police officer said more than 300 protesters had gathered at the venue in the morning and they had permission to hold the protest till 3 pm. The aspirants shouted slogans against the government for ordering re-exams after irregularities were found in the examination process. The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) which is probing the scam is yet to submit a report.

Dinesh Kumar S, one of the protesters, said politician B T Lalitha Naik and President of Samatha Sainika Dala, Venkataswamy took part in the protest.

More than 500 PSI aspirants have been protesting at Freedom Park since three days and some of them have threatened to go on a hunger strike if the re-exams are not cancelled.

Aspirants stage a protest demanding cancellation of re-exams for PSI recruitment at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

CM MEETS ASPIRANTS

CM Basavaraj Bommai assured aspirants that the government will take a final decision once the CID completes the investigation

Fears, myths stop kin of brain dead patients from donating organs

SHILPA P @Bengaluru

THE State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation of Karnataka had a hard time convincing the parents of Jakkur accident victim A Sanjay Kumar (10) to donate his organs after he was declared brain dead on Friday. The organisation had to dispel their fears, myths and misconceptions over organ donation. Similar worries prevented relatives of at least 10 eligible brain dead patients from donating organs this year.

Bharateesh Reddy, vice-president, BGS Apollo Hospital, said that several people believe that if the brain dead person's organs are donated, he or she will not attain salvation. Some relatives of such brain dead patients from rural areas say that they will not be allowed to enter their villages if they allow organ donation. Some also believe that if organs are donated that person would be born without those particular organs in the next birth, he said.

SANJAY'S ORGANS SAVE FIVE LIVES

Organs of the Jakkur accident victim, A Sanjay Kumar (10), which were donated by his parents after he was declared brain dead on Friday have saved five lives. His one kidney each was donated to St John's Hospital and Command Hospital. Valves which can be transplanted to two children were given to Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology. His liver was transplanted to a 58-year-old male.

Dr Rajkumar Wadhwa, head of organ transplant centre, BGS Apollo Hospital, said, "Besides religious beliefs, lack of awareness, lack of faith in the healthcare system and fear of disfigurement are the other reasons for low organ donation even among live donors."

First-degree donors, who are within the family, including father, mother, brother, sister or spouses, can donate organs, including liver and kidney. Even second-degree donors, who are emotionally linked to a patient including friends and far relatives can donate. In at least four cases, though there was a match, family members refused to donate organs this year. This is because of the fear of surgery, complications later, scars and disfigurement, said an organ coordinator at a private hospital.

Families of 43 brain dead people denied permission for organ donation in 2020 and it was 32 in 2021. In the state, 5,309 patients are waiting for organs. But since 2007, families of only 649 brain dead persons have donated organs. This year, 48 have donated 245 organs and tissues.

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WILL NOT TOLERATE VANDALISM AGAINST KANNADIGAS, SAYS CM

Bommai says police taking action on violence by MES activists in Belagavi

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai pays tributes to a portrait of Bharat Mata in Bengaluru on Saturday

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CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said the government will not tolerate any acts of vandalism against Kannadigas. "Stringent action will be taken against those who torment Kannadigas in Karnataka," he warned.

Bommai told reporters on Saturday that those trying to take law into their hands would be dealt with seriously. The police are taking appropriate action. Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti activists in Belagavi assaulted members of a wedding procession for playing Kannada songs.

On the textbook review committee including many portions triggering a controversy, the chief minister said he would discuss it with Education Minister BC Nagesh. Suitable action will be taken after ascertaining facts, he added.

On opposition commenting on Peer Pasha Dargah and Anubhava Mantapa, he said issues like these are not resolved through statements. They are resolved through records and documents. "I will seek a report on the issue," he added.

Reacting to the Hijab issue that resurfaced in Mangaluru, Bommai said it has been resolved at a Syndicate meeting through deliberations. "The Karnataka High Court has delivered its verdict on the Hijab issue. Everyone should obey its orders," he advised.

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Pressure on govt to act against pro-Maha activists

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THE state government is under pressure to initiate stringent action against pro-Maharashtra activists who attacked a wedding party at Dhamne, near Belagavi, over the issue of playing Kannada songs. Several leaders, including opposition leader Siddaramaiah, have raised their voice in this regard.

Belagavi Police Commissioner Boralingayya said, "The police officials visited the spot and the situation is under control. Eight people have been arrested in connection with the incident and police have been deployed to maintain law and order in the village."

Several people, including the groom, were injured when a group of pro-Maharashtra activists attacked a wedding party where Kannada songs were being played to entertain the guests on Thursday. According to sources, several incidents of harassment of Kannadigas have been taking place at Dhamne for a long time, but neither the police nor the district administration acted in time to initiate action against the culprits.

Action Committee of Kannada Organisations president Ashok Chandargi held the state government directly responsible for anti-Karnataka activities along the borders.

"The government did not take the issue seriously. An exclusive minister for boundary disputes should be appointed by the government to prevent anti-Kannada acts on the border. The Border Protection Committee should also be shifted from Bengaluru to Belagavi so that strict measures are taken to prevent such activities," said Chandargi.

Meanwhile, the police have arrested eight accused in the case. Two more accused are at large and the police have launched a manhunt for them.

AMRUT MARCH

People display the Tricolour during a Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav programme organised by the Kannada and Culture Department at Freedom Park, Bengaluru, on Saturday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

CM: Nehru was weak PM, didn't protect country against China

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CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday termed former prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru a weak Prime Minister and said he cannot be compared with the present PM Narendra Modi. "Nehru did not take appropriate action to defend the borders when China invaded India. But Modi strongly protected India when China attacked us," he said, responding to Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramiah's comment that there is no comparison between Modi and Nehru.

Bommai said, "Modi did not compromise with Pakistan, and preserved Indian unity and integrity. He has made India stronger. He certainly cannot be compared with Nehru."

He slammed Siddaramaiah for his comments against the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and asked the opposition leader to declare whether he is a Dravidian or Aryan first.

On the death anniversary of Nehru on Friday, Siddaramiah had criticised textbook committee chairman Rohith Chakratheertha for including RSS Founder KB Hedgewar's speech in Class X textbook. "If anyone questions this, they say leave this country of ours. Who has to leave the country? Is RSS originally from this country," he had asked. His comment on Nehru and Modi had sparked a controversy with BJP leaders, including Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and party general secretary CT Ravi, criticising Siddaramaiah.

In a series of tweets, Siddaramaiah asked why were BJP leaders answering when he raised questions about RSS. "RSS claims it is an organisation that safeguards Hindus, but in reality, it is backing a political party," he stated.

He said RSS leaders, instead of practising "remote control" politics, should contest polls. "Let me see which one wins -- communal forces or secular forces,'' he added.

Siddaramaiah said that when he questioned blind beliefs in Hinduism, he was termed an anti-Hindu. But such queries were raised by Swami Vivekananda and Kanakadasa too. He asked why people from a particular caste are made office-bearers in RSS and why Dalits and backward class people are not included.

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>
> Basavaraj Bommai, Karnataka Chief Minister

'Not thought about further fuel tax cut'

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CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said the state government has not yet thought about further cut in fuel tax.

Last week, before leaving for Davos to attend the World Economic Forum meet, the CM had said that the state government will consider further cut in fuel tax after the Union government decided to reduce excise duty on petrol and diesel after after looking at the economy of the state.

However, responding to mediapersons questions on Saturday, the CM said they have not yet thought of it. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had on May 21 announced a Rs 8 per litre cut in excise duty on petrol and Rs 6 per litre on diesel. The CM had termed it as a pro-people decision. In November 2021, the state government had cut sales tax on petrol from 35 per cent to 25.9 per cent and on diesel from 24 per cent to 14.34 per cent. This had resulted in petrol price reducing by Rs 13.30 per litre and diesel by Rs 19.47 per litre.

POLITICAL THEATRE

Stir for ST quota: Bommai meets seer

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday met Sri Prasannananda Puri Swamiji of the Valmiki community who is leading an agitation for 7.5 per cent reservation for the ST community. Bommai who visited the seer at the protest venue convinced him about the state government's commitment to address their demand and the legal hurdles which need to be crossed in this regard. The state government cannot cross the 50 per cent reservation limit due to the Supreme Court order on the quota issue, the Chief Minister said.

Siddu rules the roost at Kuruba rally

Leader of the opposition and former chief minister Siddaramaiah has once again proved himself as the undisputed leader of Kurubas as he ruled the roost at the community's rally held here on Saturday in the absence of former RDPR Minister K S Eshwarappa. "Do not trust Eshwarappa and his BJP which are communal and against social justice. Let Eshwarappa get the ST tag to the Kuruba community as BJP governments are at both the state and the Centre," he said as Eshwarappa had reportedly claimed that he will get the ST tag.

'Jains Should set up e-commerce company'

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday called upon the Jain community to establish an e-commerce company under the Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO) on the lines of Flipkart and Amazon. Speaking after inaugurating the 'JITO Grand Summit' in Bengaluru, the CM said the Jain community has a very good network world over and excelled in trade and business. "You will achieve huge success if JITO establishes an e-commerce company. The profit from the company could be used for the welfare of JITO members," the CM said.

Govt can take call on writer's request, says Chakrathirtha

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KARNATAKA government's textbooks revision committee chairman Rohit Chakrathirtha on Saturday clarified that it is up to the government to take a call on the request of noted writer Devanuru Mahadeva to remove the works of the latter included in the Class 10 Kannada text book.

Speaking on the sidelines of the Amritha Bharatige Kannadarati programme organised by the administration ahead of India's 75th anniversary of the independence, he said the committee has done its job and the revised books are already available for students.

On the inclusion of Keshav Baliram Hedgewar's speech, Rohit defended that the RSS founder was a freedom fighter who fought against the British as a member of the Aanusheelana Samithi in Bengal province.

"How many people know that he was with the Congress before independence and even conducted the organisation's Nagpur session in 1921. He never took the side of any political outfit until his death," he said.

"When Mahatma Gandhi dropped the non-cooperation movement mid-way, Hedgewar broke up from Gandhi," he added. He also defended writer Chakravarty Sulibele as the latter is an authority on the history of Bhagat Singh.

Dalit forum to file case against Rohith

Mysuru: Noted Kannada writer K S Bhagawan on Saturday said the state government and BJP leaders must follow the principles of Basavanna and not Hindutva which preaches 'chaturvarna' which was opposed by Basavanna and Dr BR Ambedkar. "BJP leaders BS Yediyurappa, Jagadish Shettar and CM Basavaraj Bommai belong to the Lingayat community who are good people. But for the greed of power, they have become slaves of the RSS which is disappointing," he said. In support, Karnataka State Dalit Welfare Trust president Shatharaju said that they will file a complaint against Karnataka textbook revision committee chairman Rohit Chakratirtha for his alleged remarks against Kannada writer Kuvempu.

JDS WORKERS ATTACK KODIHALLI

Bengaluru: Tension prevailed for some time at the Press Club of Bengaluru after a group of JDS workers tried to spray ink on farmer leader Kodihalli Chandrashekar on Saturday afternoon. Cubbon Park police arrested eight people soon after a complaint was filed. A senior police officer said Chandrashekar, state president of Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene, had come to hold a press meet over an allegation against him. The JDS followers also threw slippers at Chandrashekar. ENS

JDS workers created a scene at the Bengaluru Press Club and threw ink on supporters of farmer leader Kodihalli Chandrashekar on Saturday | SHRIRAM BN

ZP CEO named Ashwath guilty

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THE court issued the direction based on a report submitted by Mandya Zilla Panchayat CEO Divya Prabhu to Deputy Commissioner Ashwathi, in which she said that the primary investigation by the team has found that the minister had violated the code of conduct.

The ZP CEO had conducted a probe following a private complaint from Congress General Secretary Sundahalli Manjunath who had accused the minister of violating the model code of conduct by campaigning for Ravishankar in Mandya colleges.

In the report, the CEO has said that a probe team visited several educational institutions on May 18 and gathered evidence against the minister.

"As per the minister's tour programme, there was no official visit planned and the Taluk Panchayat termed his visit as interaction with voters," the report said. The CEO further said that as per the model code of conduct, the minister cannot combine his official visit with electioneering work and cannot make use of official machinery or personnel during electioneering work.

HURDLE AGAIN

Sammelana at CM's hometown likely to be delayed further?

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EVER since Haveri, the home district of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, was finalised to host the 86th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana, there have been many hurdles to the premier literary meet, including two years of the Covid pandemic. Though the dates for the Sammelana have already been finalised, the Kannada Sahitya Parishat has proposed to postpone it to November as the schedule clashes with Pitrupaksha, considered inauspicious.

The previous 85th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana was held in Kalaburagi in February 2020 just before the onset of Covid. It was then decided that the next edition would be held at Haveri.

In January 2021, the Parishat executive committee chose Kannada poet Doddarangegowda to preside over the Sammelana. But due to subsequent Covid-related restrictions and lockdown, it has been postponed several times. It was decided to be held in January 2022, but was put off to March and then to May.

Finally last month, Bommai announced that the meet would be held from September 23 to 25 this year. As it is happening in Haveri, Bommai has taken a special interest in the event, and advised organisers to make it environmentally friendly.

But there seems to be a problem again with the dates, as Parishat president Mahesh Joshi has written to Bommai and Kannada and Culture Minister Sunil Kumar, urging them to postpone the Sammelana to

November 2022, which is also the Kannada Rajyotsava month. Sunil Kumar said that based on the sentiments of the local people and organisations, who feel holding the event during Pitrupaksha is not appropriate, Joshi wrote the letter. "The chief minister will take the final decision," he added.

But not many are happy with the postponement. Sources at the Parishat said, "It is already more than two years since the event has been organised. Even if we do it in September, it will be more than two-and-a-half years and if it is put off, it will be close to three years. It amounts to insulting our language."

Joshi told The New Sunday Express that the dates of the Sammelana in September clash with the mela by the local Sirigere Mutt which is one of the biggest events in the region. "The mutt seer requested me to organise the Sammelana on other dates. Also, some pointed to it being the Pitrupaksha month. Monsoon will still be in full swing in September and it may not be the right time to organise the event. We have suggested November 11 to 13. November 11 is also Kanaka Jayanthi and Kanakadasa was from Haveri. Also November 12 and 13 is the second Saturday and Sunday which makes it easy for people to attend."

A 32-year-old BSF jawan Kanneboina Ramulu Yadav, died after shooting himself with his service weapon at the Cantonment of Fazilka city in Punjab on Friday night. Ramulu Yadav was a native of Marripally village in Duggondi mandal of Warangal district in Telangana.

Dileep has assault visuals: Police

Data retrieved from his bro's phone shows he either has a copy or stored it in memory card

P RAMDAS @ Kochi

IN a shocking revelation, the crime branch has confirmed that actor **Dileep** was in possession of the visuals of the sexual assault on the actor that took place inside a moving car in 2017. Moreover, the memory card containing the visuals that had been in the court's custody had been accessed, it has said.

"Digital data received from the phone of Dileep's brother Anoop helped conclude that the actor is in possession of either the original memory card containing the visuals or its copy," the crime branch said in the report it filed in the Kerala High Court while seeking three more months to complete the probe. Dileep is the eighth accused in the case.

"The data retrieved from Anoop's phone shows photographs of the print in which second-by-second commentary of the assault visuals is described. When confronted, Anoop said he took the photographs from the office of Dileep's counsel. However, an analysis of the digital evidence showed he lied," said the report, a copy of which is with TNIE.

"Further investigation revealed that Sarath G Nair, owner of Aluva-based Surya Hotel, was in possession of a tab containing the visuals. He had handed over the device to Dileep, who then viewed the visuals along with his associates in the presence of director P Balachandrakumar (a witness)," the report said. The tab has not been recovered, it said, adding that Sarath was arrested under IPC Section 201 for causing disappearance of evidence.

The crime branch said though Dileep and his associates, with the help of others, indulged in tampering with and destroying proof, the police could retrieve valuable evidence to prove the crime.

"The soft copy of the reports submitted by Forensic Science Laboratory, Thiruvananthapuram, regarding the six mobile phones runs to more than 2 lakh pages and includes 11,161 videos, 11,238 audio clips, over two lakh images and 1,597 documents," said the report.

"The digital evidence retrieved from the mobile phone used by Dileep's the brother-in-law contains some fresh facts about the involvement of other accused persons. The facts corroborate the statement of the director that obscene visuals were in the possession of the accused. This too requires time for verification," the crime branch said.

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

'LONG-TERM PLAN IN THE WORKS TO ENSURE LESSER FLOODING IN BENGALURU'

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

UNDERSTANDING the problems of the capital city of Bengaluru and why it is getting flooded, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner **Tushar Girinath**, who took over just 23 days ago, said the solution is to have channels and pipes from lower gradients to higher gradients so that water does not stagnate and the damage is minimised. In an interview with *The New Sunday Express*, he said this was one of the long-term solutions being thought of.

You have handled multiple posts over the years. What is your assessment of the city? What is needed and what is good, as a citizen and as an official?

The good thing is that there is a system in place for everything which has been developed over the years. But of course, it needs to be constantly improved, like now there is a company for solid waste management. Over the last decade, the growth of Bengaluru, with a population of around 1.3 crore, has been 40-45 per cent. With people coming in and the city growing constantly, there is always a gap of what is present and what is demanded which can be addressed only with proper coordination.

Despite big funding, the city floods with just 90 minutes of rain. Is there any plan, long-term vision to address this?

Not just the state capital, but any city will get flooded when there is a sudden and heavy downpour in a short span of time, especially in low-lying areas. The first challenge for us now is to ensure there is no damage. One of the long-term solutions being thought of is to have channels or pipes connecting lower areas to higher or other areas so that water flows. There are parts where there is no difference in gradients or it is very high. The water and sewage lines need to be made conducive.

> Public grievance system needs to be addressed. Citizens must be able to meet zonal and division officials and get their problems resolved immediately. But at present, it is one person for the entire 1.3 crore -odd population
>
> – Tushar Girinath, BBMP chief

You had said potholes are like craters or pits. Now with the monsoon round the corner, is BBMP prepared?

New potholes will appear. The focus is to fix the identified ones. The BBMP has identified some and citizens are also updating the list on the app. The pre-monsoon showers set back pothole-filling by 20 days. But we have 5-6 days and most will be filled. After that it will be a demand-based approach.

What are the preparations for the BBMP elections? Have any discussions been held for the delimitation and reservation?

The work on the draft for delimitation is completed and the file has gone for printing. It will be submitted to the government on Monday after which there will be two weeks' to seek objections. Then it will be finalised within a week. We are sharing the information with the Bhaktavatsala Committee on the OBC, reservation and population and this exercise is being done simultaneously.

Lack of coordination between agencies has been seen as a major problem for civic works, how is it being addressed?

There are many agencies working like BMRCL, BBMP, BWSSB, BESCOM, GAIL, OFCs and others. The Chief Secretary-headed committee used to hold meetings once in 10 days and it will start soon. Talks are also on if the urban development Additional Chief Secretary can hold them as he also knows the city well. It would seem that there are fights but that is not so. The presence of a head only ensures that priorities are set. The working of BBMP has also been decentralised and officials at zones and divisions have been told to be visible to people at the zonal and division level. The ward committees must also be strengthened to ensure problems are addressed.

What is lacking and which needs to be done on priority according to you?

Public grievance system needs to be addressed. Citizens must be able to meet zonal and division officials and get their problems resolved immediately. The mechanism needs to be set right so that they do not have to come to the head office or to the BBMP Chief Commissioner, who should only oversee their work. But at present, it is one person for the entire 1.3 crore-odd population.

STALWART HONOURED

Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu unveils the statue of former Tamil Nadu chief minister M Karunanidhi on the campus of Omandhurar Multi-speciality Hospital in the presence of the latter's son and CM MK Stalin on Saturday | ASHWIN PRASATH

Huge rush: TTD tells devotees to defer visit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tirumala

AN unprecedented rush of devotees was witnessed in Tirumala on Saturday with large number of devotees turning up at the hill shrine for the weekend. Considering the surge in the devotees rush, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), the chief custodian of Tirumala urged people planning to visit Tirumala to postpone their plans for now.

According to TTD officials, the influx of pilgrims is higher than the pilgrim rush during Vaikunta Ekadasi and Garuda Seva days and as a result Srivari Darshan is taking over 48 hours with all the queue lines and compartments brimming to their capacities. As of now it was possible to give Srivari Darshan to only 4,500 devotees per hour and at this rate it will take two days to provide darshan to all. TTD Executive Officer suggested people planning pilgrimage to Tirumala to take note of the present situation and change their pilgrimage plans accordingly to avoid any inconvenience.

Inspecting the queue lines on Saturday evening, the EO directed all the department officials to step up the facilities for the devotees.

He said elaborate arrangements of drinking water, milk, Anna Prasadam etc. are being made and TTD Security in coordination with police department is ensuring safety of devotees.

EXPRESS READ

Engineer kills family, self in Pallavaram

CHENNAI : A 40-year-old techie from Pallavaram in Chennai allegedly killed his wife and children using an electric saw before killing himself on Saturday. Police said documents retrieved from the family's rented house suggest the man, N Prakash, might have taken the extreme step due to mounting debt. Two suicide notes were retrieved from the house, saying the "decision" was jointly taken by him and his wife and that no one should be held responsible for it. Quoting the neighbours, police added that the family had gone to celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on Friday and returned home by 11 pm.

Lawyer: Govt aiming for Hindu Rashtra

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HUMAN rights lawyer and senior advocate Mihir Desai, who represented Father Stan Swamy among others, said on Saturday that the current regime has a three-fold objective, one of which is establishing a Hindu Rashtra.

At the first National Conference for the All India Lawyers' Association for Justice here on Saturday, he said, "The present government, as well as previous governments, have been authoritarian with many cases of victimisation, police violence, communal violence and lack of accountability. But the current one has a three-fold objective that of establishing a Hindu Rashtra, pushing of a highly centralised state and development of a strong security state that is answerable only to the Centre." His address, 'Countering the Fascist Assault: Role of the Legal Community', went into numerous topics on judiciary tendencies to swing towards majoritarian party, recent controversies and the passing of laws marginalising religious and ethnic minorities.

Bee presence dropping in Malnad regions

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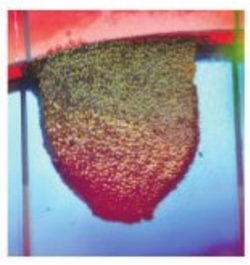
NOTED entomologist Akshay Chakravarthy told The New Indian Express, "The number of tall structures is rising. And the 3D construction designs are meeting their requirements. It is also shocking that their presence is reducing in Malnad regions and coffee estates. This is because of a drop in availability of labour from Bihar, West Bengal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and increased use of pesticides."



Dr K T Vijay Kumar, scientist, All India Coordinated Research Project on Agroforestry (AICRPAF) at University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Gandhi Krishi Vignana Kendra (GKVK), said this is also a part of the migratory season of honeybees and so they can be seen in large numbers. They need spaces where they can build safe colonies and maintain an internal temperature of 32- 34 degrees in their combs, so tall structures are becoming safe for them.

He said citizens must not kill them as they are most required natural pollinators. Rock bee colonies can yield 20- 25 kg of honey, which is highly rich in anti-oxidants and have high medicinal value.

These bees are wild and their species is on the decline as people kill them. They cannot be bred like domesticated ones like Apis mellifera or Apis cerana. Citizens should call GKVK for help to relocate bees or dial certified trained private agencies for relocation of the bee colonies.

PFI rally: Father of boy held

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POLICE on Saturday took into custody the father of the boy who had raised provocative slogans participating in a rally organised by Popular Front of India (PFI) at Alappuzha a few days back.

A police team from Alappuzha, which has been camping in Kochi to collect the details of the parents of the boy who was seen shouting provocative slogans at the rally sitting on the shoulder of a grown-up, took the boy and his father into custody from their residence at Palluruthy in the morning.

Police officials said the boy will be taken for counselling. "Two other persons who took the father and the boy for attending the rally are also in custody. The arrest of those in custody will be recorded only after obtaining legal opinion," the officials said. Though the police team was camping in Kochi for the last two days after tracing the boy's family to Palluruthy, they couldn't take anyone into custody as the house was found locked. On Friday night the family returned to the house.

Dolmens of the stone age in Chikkanahalli village of Molakalmuru taluk in Chitradurga

Historians call for conservation of dolmens in Chikkanahalli

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @ Chitradurga

ENCROACHMENT of land, removal of the stones for construction work and treasure hunting activities have led to the destruction of the dolmens at Chikkanahalli village of Molakalmuru taluk in Chitradurga district. The mega dolmens, a type of stone monuments, are from the Stone Age, and are found in Chikkanahalli. It is learnt that prehistoric people who lived in the Stone Age set up habitats in these surroundings and used this place for cremation. People who are constructing houses are using these slabs and stones. O Obanna, a history lecturer at SJM First Grade College, Rampura, said, "We have been continuously demanding that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) conserve these dolmens. No action has been taken in this regard." Historian and senior epigraphist Dr B Rajashekharappa said that the historic structures should be conserved for future generation.

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APPENDIX- IV A

[See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the below mentioned Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s) in particular that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India and whose actual Symbolic possession has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **30.06.2022** for recovery of loan dues to the State Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)as specifically mentioned hereunder against their names.
The Name and Address of the Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s), Outstanding dues, and the reserve price, the earnest money deposit (EMD), bid increment for each property of the said Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s) to be sold will be as under:

(1) Name of the Borrower	**Ms.Bhanupriya Arumugam D/o Sri. Arumugam Dharuman Nemur**
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.47,62,496/-** (Rupees Forty seven lakhs sixty two thousand four hundred and ninety six only) as on 24.05.2022 + interest + expenses and costs,

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount
1.	Rs. 22,00,000/-	Rs. 2,20,000/-	Rs. 22,000/-

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/SARB/GAK/746/89
(Title deed holder: Ms.Bhanupriya Arumugam)
SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.182/2, measuring 1 acre 03 guntas (converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (A)(A):SR:81/2012-13, dated (20.07.2012) situated at Indlable Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded on:East by: Land in Sy.No.26, West by: Land in Sy.No.182/1, North by: Road formed in land bearing Sy.No.185 to access the main road, South by: Land in Sy.No.182/3.
SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: 622 Sy.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in Schedule 'A' Property.
SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY: A Two bedrooms Flat No.B-305 of block B, now bearing Panchyathkatha No.246/B-305, Apartment bearing No. B-305, on the third Floor of the Building known as **"PNR PRIDE"** constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property, having a super built-up area of 1,131 Square Feet (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement held in the name of **Ms. Bhanupriya Arumugam.**

(2) Name of the Borrower	**Sri. Dr.Prasanna Kumar Madhusudan S/o Sri. Prasanna Kumar**
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.81,53,926/-** (Rupees Eighty one lakhs fifty three thousand nine hundred and twenty six only) as on 24.05.2022 + interest + expenses and costs,

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount
2.	Rs. 40,00,000/-	Rs. 4,00,000/-	Rs. 40,000/-

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/SARB/GAK/747/90
(Title deed holder: Sri. Dr.Prasanna Kumar Madhusudan)
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : (Description of entire Property)
ITEM NO.1 : All that piece and parcel of Converted Land bearing Sy.No.79/1, measuring 2 acres 30 guntas, (bearing Panchayat E-Khatha No 150200300600323065) (converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential purposes vide Official Memorandum dated 04/12/2008, bearing No. ALN (S.R) (S.B)51/2008-09, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: East by: Land belongs to Sri. V. Muralikrishna and others, in Same Sy.No.79/1; West by: Lang bearing Sy. No. 78/4, 78/5, and 78/6; North by: Land bearing Sy. No. 79/1, belongs to Smt. K.T.Sridevi and Sri. Thyagaraj (New Sy.No.79/4 and 79/5), South by: Land belongs to Sri. D.C. Raja Reddy in Sy.No. 79/2A1;
ITEM NO.2: All that piece and parcel of Converted Land bearing Sy.No.79/1, measuring 20 guntas, out of 1 acre 30 guntas (bearing Panchayat E-Khatha No 150200300600323065) (converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential purposes vide Official Memorandum dated 18/08/2012, bearing No. ALN:(S.B):(B.H):SR:40/2012-13, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: East by: Land belongs to Sri.Venkataswamy of Venkatapura; West by: Portion of land measuring 1 Acre 30 Guntas in same Sy.No.79/1 belonging to Sri. K.Lokanath; North by: Remaining land of the same Sy.No. 79/1 belonging to Sri.V.Benarjee; South by: Land belongs to Sri. Chinnappa S/o. Ramaiah;
ITEM NO.3: All that piece and parcel of Converted Land bearing Sy.No.79/1, measuring 30 guntas, out of 1 acre 30 guntas (bearing Panchayat E-Khatha No 150200300600323065) (converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential purposes vide Official Memorandum dated 18/08/2012, bearing No. ALN:(S.B):(B.H):SR:40/2012-13, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: East by: Land belongs to Sri.Venkataswamy of Venkatapura; West by: Portion of land measuring 1 Acre 30 Guntas in same Sy.No.79/1 belonging to Sri. K.Lokanath; North by:20 feet road which leads to Huskur Rayasandra road to the schedule property and land measuring 5 guntas in same Sy.No. retained by Muninanjappa and Land of Sri. Tyagaraj and K.T.Sridevi; South by: Remaining land of the same Sy.No. 79/1 belonging to Sri.V.Benarjee;
ITEM NO.4: All that piece and parcel of Converted Land bearing Sy.No.79/1, measuring 20 guntas, out of 1 acre 30 guntas (bearing Panchayat E-Khatha No 150200300600323065) (converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential purposes vide Official Memorandum dated 18/08/2012, bearing No. ALN:(S.B):(B.H):SR:40/2012-13, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: East by: Land belongs to Sri.Venkataswamy of Venkatapura; West by: Portion of land measuring 1 Acre 30 Guntas in same Sy.No.79/1 belonging to Sri. K.Lokanath; North by: Remaining land of the same Sy.No. 79/1 belonging to Sri. V. Muralikrishna; South by: Remaining land of the same Sy.No.79/1 belonging to Sri.D.Sathyanarayana;
ITEM NO.5: All that piece and parcel of Converted Land bearing Sy.No.79/2A1, measuring 1 Acre, out of 1 Acres15 guntas (bearing Panchayat E-Khatha No 150200300600323065) (converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential purposes vide Official Memorandum dated **18/08/2012**, bearing No. **ALN:(S.B):(B.H):SR:37/2012-13**, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, sketch is annexed and property bounded on: East by: Remaining portion of same Sy.No; West by: Land bearing No. 78/4 and 78/3; North by: Land bearing No. 79/1; South by: Remaining portion of same Sy.No;
ITEM NO.6: All that piece and parcel of Converted Land bearing Sy.No.79/1, New Sy.No.79/3 measuring 35 guntas out of 1 acre, (bearing Panchayat E-Khatha No 150200300600323065) (converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential purposes vide Official Memorandum dated **24/07/2010**, bearing No. **ALN:(S.B):(S.R):118/2008-09**, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, sketch is annexed and property bounded on: East by: Land in Sy.No.80/2; West by: Land belongs to Sri. K. Thyagarajuand and Sri.D.Karunakaran; North by: Remaining portion of 5 guntas in same Sy.No. belonging to Sri.D.Karunakaran and Road; South by: Land in Sy.No. 79/1;
ITEM NO.7 : All that piece and parcel of Converted Land bearing Sy.No.78/4 measuring 35 guntas (bearing Panchayat E-Khatha No 150200300600323065) (converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential purposes vide Official Memorandum dated **04/12/2008**, bearing No. **ALN:SR(S.B):51/2008-09**, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, sketch is annexed and property bounded on: East by: Land belongs to K. Loknath in Sy.No.79/1; West by: Land belongs to Sri. Parappanna Agrahara Muniyappa in Sy.No.78/1B; North by: Land belongs to Sri. Thyagaraju in Sy.No.79/1, know New Sy.No.79/5; South by: Land belongs to Sri. Gare Maniyappa in Sy.No.78/2 and 78/3;
ITEM NO.8: All that piece and parcel of Converted Land bearing Sy.No.78/5 measuring 31 guntas (bearing Panchayat E-Khatha No 150200300600323065) (converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential purposes vide Official Memorandum dated **10/10/2012**, bearing No. **ALN:(SB)(BH):SR:62/2012-13**, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, sketch is annexed and property bounded on: East by: Land bearing Sy.No.79/1; West by: Land bearing Sy.No.78/1B; North by: Land bearing Sy.No.78/6; South by: Land bearing Sy.No.78/4;
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: (UNDIVIDED INTEREST AGREED TO BE SOLD)
46.74 Sq.Mt., Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land in Schedule 'A' Property.
SCHEDULE 'C' APARTMENT: (DESCRIPTION OF APARTMENT AGREED TO BE SOLD)
All that Residential Apartment bearing No. **E-1404** in **Fourteenth Floor** of **Tower/Block "EDISON"** in the Project **"PARKWAY HOMES BY SJR PRIME CORP"** being built in Schedule 'A' Property and having **114.037 Sq.Mt.** of carpet area (**167.317 Sq.Mtr** of Super Built Up Area along proportionate share in the common areas), with right to use one Covered Car Parking Space in the Lower/Upper Basement level/ Ground Level and the apartment is bounded by: East by: Entrance Lobby; West by: Open Space; North by: Flat No E-1405; South by: Open Space;
The walls are built out of Solid Brick and Cement with RCC Roofing and Vitrified/Ceramic Flooring and it has electricity, water and sanitary connections. The wood used is Teak/ Sal and windows of UPVC sliding Panels.

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru- during office hours, Phone No. 080 2594 3678, 2594 3663 or Mr. Anjan Kumar, Bangalore, Cell No.8660590654, Mr. Praveen Kumar, Cell No. 9606515099
To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Sd/-
Date: 25.05.2022
Place: Bengaluru
Authorized Officer
SBI, SARB, Bangalore

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/ guarantors to repay the amount mentioned against their names with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.
The below mentioned borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on below mentioned dates
The borrowers/guarantors and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India,** for amounts mentioned below with further interest accrued thereon and cost.
The Borrower/Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. **Name of the Borrowers :1) Shri. C.A. Ramesh** S/o. Late Appaji and **(2) Shri. C.A. Sathish** S/o. Late Appaji, (address for both) No. 756/A, M.G. Road,Channapatna Town – 562 160, Ramanagara District.
Guarantor: Shri. Santhosh S.H. S/o. Late H. N. Subramanya, No. 756/A, M.G. Road, Channapatna Town – 562 160, Ramanagara District..
Demand Notice date : 18.11.2021
Balance as on that date was : Rs.15,17,107/- (Rupees fifteen lakh seventeen thousand one hundred seventeen only) as on 18-11-2021+ interest & expenses thereon.
Possession Taken date : 25.05.2022
Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.15,74,507/- (Rupees fifteen lakhs seventy four thousand five hundred and seven only) as on 10-05-2022+ interest & other expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal Khata No. 1408 Door No. 1284 / 1098 measuring East to West 14 ft. and North to South 62 ft. situated at Sahukar Street, Ward No. 22 (18), Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Town, standing in the name of Shri. Sari C. A. Ramesh, S/o. Late C.R. Appaji. Bounded by: East: Godown of Shri. M.G. Subramanya Shettar, West: Vacant Site of Shri. N.V. Sheenappa, North: Private Property,South: Municipal Road.

2. **Name of the Borrower : 1.Smt Varalakshamma** W/o Late Shivaramegowda, **2. Smt. Jyothi** W/o Shri Madhusudan (address for both) No 4278, Pump House Road, Behind SBM Mangalwarpet, Chanapatana -562 160 .
Guarantor: Sri Rama Bhovi S/o Thimma Bhovi Assitant Master Bidadi Cluster, No72, Kallapur, Chanapatna
Demand Notice date : 14.01.2022
Balance as on that date was : Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees ten lakhs only) as on 24-02-2017 + interest & expenses thereon
Possession Taken date : 25.05.2022
Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.13,66,486/- (Rupees thirteen lakhs sixty six thousand four hundred eighty six only) as on 22-5-2022+ interest & other expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal Katha, No 6684, Block No. 6, Door No 4278 behind of CPT Dhaba, Mangalwarpet, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District measuring 57 Ft X 40 ft standing in the name of Smt Varalakshmamma W/o Late Shivaramegowda.
Bounded by: East- House of Prema,West: By Road, North: By Road, South: Land in Sy No.185.

3. **Name of the Borrower : 1:Sri M.N. Ramesh Babu** S/o Sri Narayanaswamy, **2: T. Mamatha** W/o Sri M.N.Ramesh Babu (address for both) No 1907/2 Masthigowda, Street,Mangalwarpet,Channapatna-562 160. Also at: Door No. 4366, Vivekanandanagar, 5th Cross, Kuvempunagara, Ward No. 5, Channapatna Town – 562160
Demand Notice date : 14.12.2021
Balance as on that date was :Rs.33,83,399/- (Rupees Thirty three lakhs eighty three thousand three hundred ninety nineonly) as on 14-12-2021+ interest & expenses thereon
Possession Taken date : 25.05.2022
Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.21,28,953/-(Rupees Twenty one lakhs twenty eight thousand nine hundred fifty three only) as on 24-5-2022+ interest & other expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: All that piece of parcel Municipal property bearing Khata No.6783,Door No.4366 situated at Vivekanandanagar, 5th Cross, Kuvempunagara, Ward No. 5, Channapatna Town – 562160 measuring East to West 30 ft North to South 43ft Western side 41ft 30 X (43+41)/2 ft. Standing in the Name of Sri M.N.Ramesh Babu. Bounded By: East :Site No.22 West : Site No. 24, North : Sri M.C. Mariswamy,South : 20 ft Road & Sri Doddaramegowda.

Date :25.05.2022
Place: Channapatna
Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, ARMB, Bengaluru

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APPENDIX- IV A

[See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]

E-AUCTION ON 30.06.2022

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the below mentioned Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s) in particular that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India and whose constructive possession has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **30.06.2022** for recovery of loan dues to the State Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)as specifically mentioned hereunder against their names.
The Name and Address of the Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s), Outstanding dues, and the reserve price, the earnest money deposit (EMD), bid increment for each property of the said Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s) to be sold will be as under:

(1) Name of the Borrower	**Sri. Patchala Haribabu** S/o Sri.Sambashiva Rao.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.34,03,017/-** (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Three Thousand Seventeen Only) as on 26.05.2022. You are also liable to pay future interest from 27.05.2022 with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc.

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount
1.	Rs. 39,50,000/-	Rs. 3,95,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/SARB/ASJ/2022-23/750
Name of the title deed holder: Sri. Patchala Haribabu S/o Sri.Sambashiva Rao.
SCHEDULE – 'A' PROPERTY : SCHEDULE A PROPERTY: All that part and parcel of property bearing Site Nos. B-55 & B-56, Old House list Khatha Nos. 86/8 & 86/9, earlier Mahadevapura CMC Khatha Nos. 72 & 74, earlier BBMP Khatha Nos. 72 & 74, presently common bears BBMP Khatha No. 72/72/B-55/40, comprised in old property No. 40, situated at Kodigehalli Village, K R Hobli, earlier Bengalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the administarative Jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring East to West 124.69 feet and North to South on the Eastern Side 74.64 feet on the Western Side 78.65 feet totally measuring 9800 sq. ft with all rights Appurtenances whatsoever here underneath are above the surface, and bounded on East by: Site No.B-57,West by : Road, North by: Site Nos. B-51 & B- 52, South by: Road
SCHEDULE B PROPERTY: 240 Sq. Ft undivided rights, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above.
SCHEDULE C PROPERTY: Flat bearing No. G-06 in the Ground Floor measuring about 1095 Sq. Ft Super built up area, containing Two Bed Room, together with RCC roofing, Vitrified Flooring along with One Covered Car Parking Space, including proportionate share in common area such as passage, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multi-storied residential building known as "VIKYATH PRIDE" constructed over Schedule 'A' property.

(2) Name of the Borrower	**Mrs. Gopali Bhambri** w/o Mr. Vinod Hansda.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.30,36,273/-** (Rupees Thirty Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Three Only) as on 25.05.2022 future interest from 26.05.2022 with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc.

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount
1.	Rs. 34,00,000/-	Rs. 3,40,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SARB/ASJ/2022-23/751
Name of the title deed holder: Mrs. Gopali Bhambri W/o Mr. Vinod Hansda
SCHEDULE A PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing converted Site No. 90,91,92,97,98, & 99, earlier respective Basavanapura Grama Panchayathi Khatha No.2289, 2290, 2291, 2296, 2297 and 2298, Present common BBMP Khatha No. 249/2289/90,91,92,97,98,99 carved out of converted Sy. No. 95/1, (converted for residential purpose vide conversion order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR (S)131/1992-93 dated 05.09.1992 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru) situated at Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, Bengaluru measuring East to West 120 feet and North to South 120 feet, totally measuring 14,400 Sq. Ft with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath of above the surface and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Road, North by: Site Nos. 93 and 96, South by: Site Nos. 89 and 100.
SCHEDULE B PROPERTY: A two Bedroom Apartment bearing Flat No.24 in Second Floor in the residential complex known as " **LAKSHMI VIHARA**" constructed on the Schedule "A" Property having a Super built up area of 1175 Sq. ft. (Which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in all common areas) together with in car parking space in Stilt Floor, with 364 Sq. ft of undivided share of interest in Schedule 'A' property and standing in the name of Mrs. Gopali Bhambri W/o. Mr. Vinod Hansda.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Date: 27.05.2022
Place: Bengaluru
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **02.03.2022** calling upon the borrowers **Mrs. Parvathi D G & Mr.Krishnegowda V B** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.8,94,411/-** with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security InterestEnforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **24thday of May of the year 2022.**
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CFHL for an amount of **Rs.8,94,411/-** and interest thereon .

Description of immovable property

All that piece and parcel of an immovable property bearing Site No.189, Khatha No.156/189, Harinagara Layout Sy.No.156, Anjinapura ward No.196 situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore Sout Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 20 ft and North to South: 32 ft, totally measuring 640 Sq ft and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Property belongs to Sri. Raghukumar, North by: Property belongs to Sri. Ramanna, South by: Property belongs to Sri. Puttappa.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 28.05.2022
Sd/- **Authorised Officer**
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

STATE BANK OF INDIA

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c No. HL 39942580231

WHEREAS, The Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **27.07.2021** calling upon the borrower **Mr. Rahul Rajendran Nair.,** S/o of Mr. Rajendran Pillai to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,59,04,200/-** (Rupees One crore fifty nine lakhs four thousand two hundred only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this **25th May of the Year 2022.**
Previous Possession Notice under section 13(4), dated 05.10.2021 is said to be withdrawn.
The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.1,69,72,125/-** (Rupees One crore sixty nine lakhs seventy two thousand one hundred and twenty five only) as on 25.05.2022 and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of residential converted land bearing Sy.No.115/4 (Conversion Order No.BDis:ALN(S)SR(KT)233/2004-5 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore dated 03.03.2005, in all measuring 1 Acre & 20 guntas, situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under BBMP limits, vide BBMP Khatha No.4857/115/4, Ward No.198-Hemmigepura, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever, whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the East by: Yelamma Temple and Vidyapeetha land, West by Road and Maramma Temple land and remaining portion of land retained by Owner, North by Buddanna's land 30-0 feet Road, and South by K.R. Thimmaiah's land and remaining portion of land retained by Owner.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: Flat No.**C-302 (Duplex)** in Third Floor in the Apartment building known as **"LINEA SUNFLOWER"** having a super built-up area of **2217** Sq.ft., and containing 3 Bedrooms along with an exclusive right to use terrace area of **1008 Sq.ft** attached to the flat alongwith One Exclusive right of use of Covered Car Park bearing C-302 (super built-up area includes the proportionate share in the common area such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas of common use)
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the undivided share of **1214.56 Sq.ft** in the A Schedule Property.

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 25.05.2022
Sd/- Authorised Officer
STATE BANK OF INDIA
SARB, Bengaluru

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Madiwala Branch
No. 21/01, Hosur Main Road,
Madiwala, Bengaluru - 560 068
Ph : 9483521071
e-mail : cb1074@canarabank.com

NOTICE TO BORROWER

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank,** Madiwala Branch, Bengaluru under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2)of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below mentioned date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

1. Name of the Borrowers: 1. M/s. SDM Enterprises, No. 84/1, Kadubeesanahalli, Panathur Main Road, Panathur Post, Bangalore - 560 103, Mob: 91996446904, **2. Mr. Surendra M .Shetty,** No. 11/13, 4th Cross, Venkateshwara Layout, S. G. Palya, DRC Post, Bangalore - 560 029, Mob : 919902410005, **3. Mr. M. V. Raikar,** No. 516, Sai Vaishnavi, 20th Main, 36th Cross, Jayanagar IV T Block, Bangalore - 560 041, Mob : 919916515509. **4. Mrs. Singari Shedthi** W/o. Babu Shetty, D/o. Late Mahabala Shetty, Kalthodu Village, Kundapur Taluk, Udupi District.
Schedule A :

Sl. No	Loan Number	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount
1	1074746000005	Working Capital Term Loan	23.07.2021	Rs.8227598.96
2.	1074747000006	Funded Interest Term Loan	23.07.2021	Rs.360064.00
3.	1074755000008	GECL	28.07.2020	Rs.1302142.87

Total Liability :Rs.99,94,805.83 + interest together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.
Details of Security Assets : All that piece and parcel of Sy. No. 346/6P1, situated at Kalthodu Village, Kundapua Taluk, Byndoor, Sub Division, Udupi District, Totally measuring Extent of 0.87 Acres Bounded by : East by : Portion of teh same sub division, West by : Portion of the same sub division, North by : Portion of the same sub division, South by : Portion of the same sub division,
Name of the Title deed holder: Mrs. Singari Shedthi
Date of NPA: 24.05.2022 Demand Notice Date:25.05.2022

The above borrowers committed default of repayment of loans as above and the loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of property described as above and were classified as Non Performing Assets on various dates mentioned as above. The Bank issued Registered to all the above borrower/Guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act) calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount. We now call upon to pay the above mentioned liability with further interest and cost accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which, Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as per Section 13(4) (a) to (b) of SARFAESI act 2002 against the secured assets given in the schedule above. The above borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above properties and restrained from dealing in term of Section 13 (13) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the accounts mentioned above with further interest and cost, expenses thereon.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 27.05.2022
Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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Bo: SASTRA Department: Circle : Bangalore East Raheja Towers, Ist Floor, 26-27, M.G.Road, Bangalore-560001. E-mial: cs8191@pnb.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Punjab National Bank,** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 read the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers mentioned below to repay the dues within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor/ and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below.

The Borrowers in particular and the Public in General is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Punjab National Bank,** for an amount mentioned below with further interest and expenses thereon.

The borrower's/guarantors/mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sl. No.	1) Name of te Borrowers 2) Branch Name	Date of Demand, Possession & Amount Due	Description of Properties
1.	1) Smt. Shantamma, Smt. Sunitha B N & P N Srinivasa Reddy 2) Branch: Kashettipalli (SOL: 289000)	16.03.2022, 25.05.2022 1.Rs.32,53,206.00 (Thirty Two Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred Six) being the dues as on 11.07.2018 with further interest and charges from 12.07.2018. 2. Rs.12,16,908.53 (Twelve Lakh Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eight and Paise Fifty Three only) being the dues as on 26.04.2019 with further interest and charges from 27.04.2019.	**1)** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Sy No 72/166/7P111 measuring 10.00 acres situated at Jodikotha pally Village, Nelavanki Hobli, Srinivasapura Taluk, Kolar District. **2)** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No 402, 6th Stage, Banashankari 6th Block, Bangalore measuring East to West :12.0 meters, North to South :9.0 meters and bounded on East By : Road, West by : Site No 419, North by: Site No.401 & South by : Site No.403.
2.	1) Shri. T M Musavir & Smt. Somaiya Musavir 2) Branch: H S R Layout (SOL: 477400)	08.03.2022, 25.05.2022 Rs.1,46,45,066.00 (One Crore Forty Six Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Sixty Six only) being the dues as on 02.05.2021 with further interest and charges from 03.05.2021	Residential Apartment bearing No. 52113 situated on 11th Floor/Level, of T2 Tower, Building- B5 in "PRESTIGE FALCON CITY" measuring 2710 sq ft. super built up area, inclusive of proportionate share in all the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and with one car parking space in the basement situated at (i) 02 Acres 23 Guntas in Sy. No. 31/2, (ii) 02 Acres 08 Guntas in Sy. No. 32/1, (iii) 01 Acre 31 Guntas in Sy. No. 32/2, (iv) 01 Acre 36 Guntas in Sy. No. 32/3, (v) 01 Acre 23 Guntas in Sy No. 32/4, (vi) 03 Acres 08 Guntas in Sy. No. 35/2, (ix) 00 Acre 27.68 Guntas in Sy No. 41/2 (part), (xiii) 02 Acres 32 Guntas in Sy No. 42 and (xiv) 01 Acre 16 Guntas in Sy No. 43/1B at konanakunte Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and the property is bounded East by: Private Property, West by: Private properties and the remaining portions of Sy.Nos 36/1A, B & C, 37/1 & 2, 38/1 & 2 of Doddakallasandra Village and Sy No.40, 41/2 & 41/3 of konanakunte village earmarked for commercial development, North by: Road and South by: Private Properties.

Date: 25.05.2022
Place: Bangalore

For Punjab National Bank (SECURED CREDITOR
(V S Sundara Raman)
Chief Manager (AUTHORISED OFFICER)

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(A Government of India Undertaking)

Syndicate

Regional Office South, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004. PH : 080-26548864.

POSSESSION NOTICE (Section 13(4)) (For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice to the borrowers calling upon to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notices are hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him /her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules on the dates mentioned below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank,** for the amount due by the borrowers and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sl. No.	1) Name of the Borrowers 2) Name of Branch	Demand Notice and Possession Notice Date / Amt. due Rs.	Description of the Property
1	1) Sri. Nataraj Dixit K S, S/o KS Subba Dixit and Smt. Poornima, W/o Nataraj Dixit 2) Hanumantha Nagar Branch, Sunkenhalli Extn, Bangalore - 560019.	28.02.2022 25.05.2022 Rs.29,17,460/- + Interest & other charges	Property standing in the name of Smt. Poornima Dixit bearing Flat No.2, First Floor, Akkar Apartment, situated in Sy. No.29 & 29/A (Old No.5/1,5/1A), V S Raju Road, Palace Guttahalli, Kumarapark West, Bangalore 560020 Measuring 600 sq. ft. super built area constructed on the Schedule A property consisting of Two Rooms, Hall, Kitchen, Bath and toilet and all civil amenities and proportionate share in the common areas entrances, staircase, passages, corridors, lift etc provided in the scheduled property situated at Flat Bounded on: **North by:** Passage, **South by:** Flat No. 3, **East by:** Private Property and **West by:** Drain. Property Bounded on: **North by :** Property belongs to Sri B Ramaswamy, **South by:** Venkatasamiraju Road, **East by:** Sri B M Shankaraiah's House and **West by :** Rain water channel & vendor's Property.
2	**1) Mr. Arul Manickam R, Proprietor of M/s Manoj Enterprise, At :** No.37/4, Udayapalya Layout, Udayapalya Main Road, Kanakpura Main Road, Bangalore 560082. **Mr. Arul Manickam R, Guarantor : Mrs Shathi A, W/o Arul Manickam R Both are Residing at No.P1,** Sri Sai Residency, No.65/137, 2nd Main Road, 7th Cross, Chikkalasandra, Sarvabhowma Nagar, Bangalore - 560061. **2) Jayanagar Shoping Complex Branch** Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bangalore - 560011.	26.11.2021 24.05.2022 Rs.66.40.824/- + Interest & other charges	1) Site No 226 in "Woods Ville Project",in Tattanahalli Village, Attibele- Anekal Road, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru 562107, measuring East to west 50 Ft & North to south 30 Ft. Total measuring 1500 sft and bounded by : **East by :** Property No 216, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property No 227 and **South by :** Property No.225. 2) Site No 227 in "Woods Ville Project", in Tattanahalli Village, Attibele-Anekal Road, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru 562107, measuring East to west 50 Ft & North to south 30 Ft total measuring 1500 sft and bounded by : **East** : Property No 215, **West :** Road, **North :** Property No.228 and **South :** Property No 226.

Date : 25.05.2022
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised Officer, Canara Bank.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,33,73,087/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Three Lakh Seventy Three Thousand and Eighty Seven only)** as on **04-01-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **05-01-2022** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. HKGN Silk Traders, 15/3/17, Mothi Nagar, Ramanagara - 562159. No.2) Mr. Afsar Ali Baig, S/o. Nazeer Ali Baig, No.2914, 16th Ward, Mothi Nagar Mohalla, Ramanagara - 562159. No.3) Mrs. Ayesha Begum, W/o. Afsar Ali Baig, No.2914, 16th Ward, Mothi Nagar Mohalla, Ramanagara - 562159.**

Note : 1) That our **198-Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080078759) dated **29-03-2021** requested by No.1 of you represented by No. 2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos. 2 and 3 of you stood as Co-obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 28,50,000/-** at a ROI of **13.50%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **02-04-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **04-01-2022** is **Rs. 31,91,395/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **05-01-2022** till the date of realization.

2) That our **198-Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (FITL - ADHOC : 501912090015753) dated **31-08-2020** requested by No.1 of you represented by No. 2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos. 2 and 3 of you stood as Co-obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 5,85,000/-** at a ROI of **11.5%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **02-04-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **04-01-2022** is **Rs. 6,73,392/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **05-01-2022** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Properties Owned by Mr. Afsar Ali Baig, S/o. Nazeer Ali Baig)

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Municipal Khatha No.186/173/2914, East to West 60 feet, North to South 14 feet, totally measuring 840.00 Sq.feet situated at Ward No.16, Mothi Nagar Mohalla, Ramanagara. Bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Mothi Nagar Main Road, North by : Property of Firoz Pasha, South by : Property of Applicant Afsar Ali Baig and Shakhila Jaan.

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Municipal Khatha No.172/2913, East to West 30 feet, North to South 12 feet, Totally measuring 360 Sq.Ft. of land situated at Ward No.16, Mothi Nagar Mohalla, Ramanagara. Bounded on the : East by : Remaining property of Shakira Jaan and Peer Baig in same, West by : Municipal Road, North by : Property of Nazeer Ali Baig, South by : Conservancy.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,15,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Fifteen Lakh Only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS	
Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
18-06-2022	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch,** B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bangalore-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bangalore Rural - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bangalore - Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bangalore Rural - 571511. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No. 9379511195. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the Sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking andlocal bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bidsor postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 27-05-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL –I/ BENGALURU

FORM NO.22
[See Regulation 37(1)]

Jeevan Mangal Building, (2nd floor) No.4, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025

SALE PROCLAMATION

REGD. A/D\DASTI\AFFIXATION\BEAT OF DRUM
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-1
IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, BENGALURU

R.C. No.280/2019 **DATED: 23/05/2022**

PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULES 38, 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993

Bank of Maharastra **... Certificate Holder Bank**

VS

1) M/s Bhavana Polymers, Represented by it Proptix : Smt Sonia Bhatia,
2) Mr. Naveen Bhatia **... Certified Debtor**

To,

1. M/s Bhavana Polymers, Represented by it Proptix : Smt Sonia Bhatia, Major W/o Naveen Bhatia, Plot No 44, 1st Phase, Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area, Korahobli, Tumkur 572128.
2. Mr. Naveen Bhatia, Major S/o Satya Paul Bhatia, R/at No 201, 2nd Floor, Cheatuea De Marque, No 72, St Marks Road, Bangalore 560001 **... Certified Debtor**

Whereas you has/have failed to pay the sum of **Rs.2,99,74,661/- (Rupees Two Crores Ninety Nine Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty One)** with interest @15.25%p.a. payable by you/him in respect of **Recovery Certificate in OA/T.A. No.1187/2017 RC No.280/2019 by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II Bengaluru** and the interest and costs payable as per certificate.

And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said certificate.

And whereas there is a due of **Rs.2,99,74,661/- (Rupees Two Crores Ninety Nine Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty One)** excluding costs and interest thereon **w.e.f. 16/02/2019**

Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold on **06/07/2022 between 11.30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** and bidding shall take place through 'online Electronic Bidding' Through the website **http//drt.auctiontigger.net of service provider M/s E-Procurement Technologies Limited (ABC Procure) Ahmedabad is the service provider to arrange E-auction platform (Contact Mr. Praveen Thewar -097227-78828) e-mail ID Support@auctiontiger.net.**

For further detail contact: Sri Nishit Chandra, S/o Marianus Tigga, Aged about 45 years, Chief Manager/Authorized Officer, Bank of Maharastra, Asset Recovery Branch, Zonal Office, No.15, Police Station Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004 (Contact No.8292940000).

The sale will be of the property of the defendant above named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot.

The property will be put up for sale in the lots specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale will also be stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale will also be stopped if before any lot is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conduction the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.

No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made there under and to the further following conditions.

The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.

1. (a) The reserve price below which the property No.(i) (mentioned below) shall not be sold is **Rs.2,62,00,000/- (Rs. Two Crores & Sixty two lakhs only)**
2. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be **Rs.1,00,000/-(Rs. One lakh only)** In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put up to auction.
3. the prospective bidders are advised to peruse the copies of the Title Deeds with the Bank and verify the latest Encumbrance Certificate and other revenue / Municipal records to exercise due diligence and satisfy themselves on the title and encumbrances, if any, over the property.
4. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of any lot provided that further that the amount bid by him is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the undersigned to decline/acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so.
5. for participating in E-auction intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% of reserve price of the respective properties as per tabular column (given below) which shall be deposited separately by bidder through RTGS/NEFT directly into the **Current a/c No.6735242318. in the name of The Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Bengaluru Indian Bank, Richmond Circle Branch, Bengaluru** having **IFSC code No. IDIB000R018 on or before 04/07/2022 or by the way of DD/Pay order in favour of Recovery officer –I DRT-II, Bengaluru in OA No.1187/2017 (RC No.280/2019)** the intending bidder should submit the quotation along with copy of of PAN card, Address proof and identify proof, E-Mail ID, Mobile No. and in case any other document confirming representation/Attorney of the company and the receipt / counter file of such deposit/Demand Draft towards EMD in sealed cover by **3.00 p.m. on 04/07/2022 to Recovery Officer-I DRT-II Bengaluru.** The Sealed cover should be super scribed with quotation for participation in E-auction in **OA No.1187/2017 (RC No.280/2019).** The tender forms may be collected from the Bank office or the office of the DRT. EMD deposited thereafter shall not be considered for participation in E-auction .
6. The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the sale proceeds after adjustment of EMD on being knocked down by next date i.e. **07/07/2022 By 3:00 P.M.** in the said account as per detail mentioned in para 5 above. If the next day is Holiday or Sunday, then on next first office day.
7. The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds on or before 15th day from the date of sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other Holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day by prescribed mode as stated in para 5 above. In addition to the above the purchaser shall also deposit Poundage fee with **Recovery Officer, DRT-II Bangalore @2% upto Rs.1,000/-** and @1% of the excess of the said amount of **Rs.1,000/-** by way of online by visiting website **www.bharatkosh.gov.in** and submit a copy of receipt for verification and record purpose to **Recovery officer-I DRT-II Bengaluru.**
8. The prospective bidder are advised to persue the copies of the title deeds with the bank and verify the latest encumbrance certificate and other revenue/municipal records to exercise due diligence and satisfy themselves on the title and encumbrance, if any over the property.

In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, shall be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold. The property shall be resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale.

The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason.

No. of lots	Description of the property to be sold with the names of the co-owners where the property belongs to defaulter and any other person as co-owners.	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Details of any other encumbrance to which property is liable	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property, and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value.
1	All those pieces and parcels of the land situated being and lying at village Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area in Registration District of Tumkur Sub District Tumkur admeasuring 43040 Sq. Feet and bearing Plot No 44 in Sy. No 10 and part of Nagenahalli Village, Kora Hobli, Tumkur Taluk And District and bounded as follows that is to Say, East by: Plot No 34, West by: 60 Feet Wide Road No 23, North by: Plot No 45-A, South by: 60 Feet Wide Road No 26.	Nil	Nil	Nil

AUCTION SCHEDULE

Date and Time auction	06/07/2022 between 11.00 A.M to 12.30 P.M
Reserve price	Rs.2,62,00,000/-
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 26,20,000/-
Last Date and Time of E-Tender form & EMD submission	04/07/2022

Given under my hand and seal on this 23rd Day of May 2022

Sd/- K. Ramesh
Recovery Officer -I
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bengaluru

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Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

PUBLICATION - DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 - Sent on **07-05-2022** by Registered Post with acknowledgement due and the same was **returned by all.** Hence this,

No.1) Mr. G. Govindan, S/o. Govinda, No. 527, 6th Cross, 3rd Main, Hanumanthanagara, Bengaluru - 560050. Also at, Mr. G. Govindan, S/o. Govinda, No.254, 10th Main, Nagendra Block, Srinagar, Bangalore, Bangalore Urban - 560050. No.2) Mrs. G. Punitha, W/o. G. Govindan, No. 296, 9th Main Road, Hanumanthanagara, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Bangalore Urban - 560019. Also at, Mrs. G. Punitha, W/o. G. Govindan, No.254, 10th Main, Nagendra Block, Srinagar, Bangalore, Bangalore Urban - 560050. Also at, Mrs. G. Punitha, W/o. G. Govindan, No.527, 6th Cross, 3rd Main, Hanumanthanagara, Bengaluru - 560050.

Dear Sir/ Madam

Sub: Loan account / Overdraft with **City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Banashankari Branch** in the name of **Mr. G. Govindan.**

The Bank issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on **07-05-2022** calling upon Nos.1 and 2 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 501312030019734 is **Rs.40,10,207/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Ten Thousand Two Hundred and Seven Only)** as on **04-05-2022** with further interest for 501312030019734 at **11.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **05-05-2022** till the date of repayment. The notice sent to you by Registered Post have been **returned by all.**

Therefore, we hereby once again call upon Nos.1 and 2 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 501312030019734 is **Rs.40,10,207/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Ten Thousand Two Hundred and Seven Only)** with further interest for 501312030019734 at **11.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **05-05-2022** till the date of repayment within **60** days from the date of this notice failing which Bank will be Constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder. This Notice is published/issued without prejudice to any other right/remedy available to the Bank.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A
(Property Owned by Mr. G. Govindan, S/o. Govinda)

All that piece and parcel of the Southern Portion of Property bearing Site No. 9, Old Khatha No. 17/2, situated at Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, now comes under BBMP Limit, PID No.55-236-4, Corporation Ward No.55, measuring : East to West : 30 Feet and North to South : 20 Feet, along with Building and bounded on : East by : Property belonging to Sri. Ramakrishnappa, West by : Road, North by : Northern Portion of same Property and, South by : Property Bearing No.10.

Schedule - B
(Property Owned by Mr. G. Govindan, S/o. Govinda)

All that piece and parcel of the Southern Portion of the Property bearing Site No.1, Old Khatha No.26/2, Present Khata No.657, situated at Ramohalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Measuring : East to West 54 Feet and North to South 25 Feet, under construction and Bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Property Bearing No. 2, South by : Private Property.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 26-05-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.6,03,580/- (Rupees Six Lakh Three Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty only)** as on **23-05-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **24-05-2022** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. Muthuraju, S/o. Pappanna, No.3228, Rajkumar Road, Vijayanagar, Ramanagara, Bengaluru - 562159. No.2) Mrs. K. Shruthi, W/o. Muthuraju, No.3228, Rajkumar Road, Vijayanagar, Ramanagara, Bengaluru - 562159.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A
(Property Owned by Mr. Muthuraju, S/o. Pappanna)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Municipal Khatha No.135/647, measuring : East to West 21 feet and North to South 24 feet together with 504.00 sq.ft. situated at Ward No.7, Nagappa Gully, Ramanagara. Bounded on : East by : House of Veerabhadraiah, West by : House of Muddaiah, North by : House of Muddaiah, South by : Nagappa Gully (Road).

Reserve Price : Rs.11,50,000/-
(Rupees Eleven Lakh Fifty Thousand only)

AUCTION DETAILS	
Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
06-07-2022	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch,** B.M.Road, 316 I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316 I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka – 571511. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the Sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 27-05-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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PUBLICATION - DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 - Sent on **09-05-2022** by Registered Post with acknowledgement due and the same was **returned by M/s. Universal Trading Corp. and Mr. Prem Kumar.** Hence this,

No.1) M/s. Universal Trading Corp., No.862/67, 6th Cross, Banashankari 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore - 560050. No.2) Mr. Suraj Ramakrishnan, S/o. V. Ramakrishnan, No.1333, 1st Floor, 27th Cross, 27th Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560070. No.3) Mrs. Anuradha, W/o. Suraj Ramakrishnan, No.1333, 1st Floor, 27th Cross, 27th Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 56007. No.4) Mr. R. Chandrasekhar, S/o. H.S. Ramanatha, No.1380/F1, Bharatwaja 5th B Cross, 9th Main Road, Srinivasa Nagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bangalore - 560050. No.5) Mr. Prem Kumar, S/o. Late Ramanna, No.3, 8th Cross, Manjunath Nagar, Raghuvanahalli, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore- 560062.

Dear Sir/ Madam

Sub: Loan account / Overdraft with **City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Koramangala Branch** in the name of **M/s. Universal Trading Corp.**

The Bank issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on **09-05-2022** calling upon Nos.1 to 5 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 501812080068814 is **Rs.74,25,677/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Seven Only)** and Nos.1 to 5 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 109120000136673 is **Rs.2,86,62,523/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Six Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Three Only)** as on **19-04-2022** with further interest for 109120000136673 at **13.00%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 501812080068814 at **9.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **20-04-2022** till the date of repayment. The notice sent to you by Registered Post have been **received by Nos.2, 3 & 4 of you** and **returned by Nos.1 & 5.**

Therefore, we hereby once again call upon Nos.1 to 5 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 501812080068814 is **Rs.74,25,677/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Seven Only)** and Nos.1 to 5 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 109120000136673 is **Rs.2,86,62,523/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Six Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Three Only)** with further interest for 109120000136673 at **13.00%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 501812080068814 at **9.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **20-04-2022** till the date of repayment within **60** days from the date of this notice failing which Bank will be Constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder. This Notice is published/issued without prejudice to any other right/remedy available to the Bank.

Note : 1) That our **109 - Bengaluru - Koramangala Branch** has also extended financial assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080081418) dated **05-10-2021** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos.2 and 3 of you stood as Co-obligants and Nos.4 and 5 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.78,00,000/-** at a ROI of **13.75%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **29-01-2022** and the outstanding balance as on **19-04-2022** is **Rs.84,28,515/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **20-04-2022** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A
(Property Owned by Mr. Suraj Ramakrishnan, S/o. V. Ramakrishnan)

All that piece and parcel of Vacant Site and Superstructure to be putup thereon bearing No.68, in Sy.No.42, measuring 32 Guntas out of the 12 Acres 22 Guntas, situated at Kenchanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring : East to West: 40 Feet, North to South: 30 Feet; Bounded on the : East by : Site No.23, West by : 30 Feet Wide Road, North by : Site No.69, South by : Site No.67

Schedule - B
(Property Owned by Mr. R. Chandrasekhar, S/o. H.S. Ramanatha)

All that piece and parcel of the Land and Superstructure to be putup thereon situated at Site No.26 Old VP Khatha No.2/1 New BBMP Assigned NP 91/26 situated at Channasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Measuring : East to West 50 Feet, North to South 30 Feet with 1 Square of Mangalore Tile Roof House. Bounded on : East by - Property No.16, West by - Road, North by - Property No.25 and South by - Property No.27.

Schedule - C
(Property Owned by Mr. Prem Kumar, S/o. Late Ramanna)

All that piece and parcel of the land and superstructure now existing and to be put up thereon situated at bearing Old Site No.10, VP Khatha No.23 (Old Khatha No.15), now BBMP Khatha Property No.99/358/10, situated at Raghuvanahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk the Property previously comes under the limit of Thalaghattapura Village Panchayat, now the Property comes under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Kengeri Sub-Zone, Ward No.198, Hennigepura, Bangalore. Measuring : East to West : 40 Feet and North to South : 60 Feet. Totally measuring : 2400 Sq.Ft. Together with all Rights and Appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on : East by - Site No.09, West by - Site No.11, North by - Private Property and South by - Road.

Schedule - D
(Property Owned by Mr. R. Chandrasekhar, S/o. H.S. Ramanatha)

All that piece and parcel of the Land and Superstructure now existing and to be putup thereon situated at Srinivasa Nagar, 2nd Phase, BSK 3rd Stage, bearing Site No.1380/F1, Measuring : East to West 10.67 Mtr, North to South 9.20 Mtr. and Bounded as follows : East by : Site No.1380/E & 1380/F, West by : Site No.1380/G, North by : Site No.1380/F, South by : Road.

Movables Hypothecated to our Bank
Schedule - E

All Stocks and Raw Materials stored at M/s. Universal Trading Corp., No.862/67, 6th Cross, BSK 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore - 560050.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 26-05-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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THE COST OF WAR: WHO IS PAYING THE PRICE?

THE THIRD EYE

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HENRY Kissinger, who turned 99 on Friday, retains an uncanny knack to be on the wrong side, to hurl headlines and attract attention. On Monday Kissinger unsettled dons and divas at Davos off their righteous roost and stirred outrage as he suggested that Ukraine should cede territory to Russia, painting a scary spectre of "or else".

Compromise or even capitulation is not inconsistent with essential Kissinger. It was the Kissinger doctrine which detailed the pivot of the oldest democracy, the 'land of the free and the home of the brave'. The US turned a blind eye to genocide of Bengalis and hugged a dictator in Pakistan to befriend totalitarian Mao in Beijing. That China is now the next big threat is just Karma knocking. What is surreal is that it didn't matter to Kissinger that the fight was about sovereign aspiration and that his advice wrenched away the agency/right of a sovereign nation. What would he have advised FDR in 1941? One wonders!

The Kissinger outrage did manage to hit a throbbing global nerve though and for good reason. This week Russia's invasion of Ukraine will cross the 100 days milestone. Even as the world awaits resolution, the cost of war has come to haunt nations. What was first perceived as a blitzkrieg — takeover of Kyiv and a victory parade by Vladimir Putin — has lasted well beyond the expectations of even the most passionate supporters of Ukraine. Nobody quite knows who is winning — or indeed if there will be a winner.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy informed the World Economic Forum that it would cost over $600 billion — or three times Ukraine's last computed GDP — to rebuild the nation. That is unsurprising given the pommelling of Ukraine by Russia. It is estimated that Russia is shelling out roughly $900 million a day which adds up to a total spend in 100 days to over $100 billion – that would be more than the annual GDP of Latvia and Bolivia put together.

It is challenging to compute what Ukraine is spending on its own defence. In 2021 the defence budget of Ukraine was $5.4 billion. Last fortnight the United States added $ 40 billion to its aid package for Ukraine – of which the military component is around $20 billion or roughly the equivalent of the GDP of Georgia.

The war has disrupted supplies, destructed price stability and upended all forecasts and balance sheets of countries. Almost every developed and developing nation is reporting record inflation. While it is true that post-pandemic policies have fuelled inflation there is no disputing that the war in Ukraine has aggravated both energy and food security. Crude oil prices which were around $90 per barrel are now hovering between $115 and $119 per barrel of Brent crude. Predictably countries have had to re-tool their pricing policies to provide relief — India cut duties on petrol and diesel to cool price rise and in the UK the government is offering energy bill discounts of 400 pounds per household.

The irony is that Russia, which is under sanctions, has been one of the biggest beneficiaries. New sanctions curb supplies and have resulted in higher prices. Data analysis reveals that Russia is currently earning over $700 million per day in energy exports to just Europe. Estimates suggest that Russia will earn a windfall of profits from higher prices and will garner as much as over $320 billion through energy exports – which is more than 30 per cent higher than the previous year.

Higher energy prices have a direct and second round impact on the food economy. Increased crude/gas prices impact fertiliser production. Lower availability of fertilisers results in lower foodgrain output and higher food prices. Pricing is critical to preserve output. India, for instance, has had to increase its allocation for fertiliser subsidies by over ₹1 lakh crore. The price of wheat, a commodity in contentious debate, has already shot up by over 60 per cent. Indeed the Governor of the Bank of England last week warned of 'apocalyptic' food price rises.

Upfront and on the dashboard of every finance minister and central banker is the looming threat of inflation and the impact on consumption, investment and growth. The debate in advanced economies is yo-yoing around inflation, stagflation and recession. The IMF has downgraded the growth forecasts for every major economy and this has implications for the low income nations.

The low-income parts of the world do not have the luxury of nuanced debates about cost of capital and recession. Theirs is an existential crisis. If things worsen the support for the cause will evaporate slowly but surely. Already there is a rising sentiment in parts of the world that this is not "their" war.

It is imperative for advanced economies to move beyond verbiage, wield their strength and act to restore the supply-demand imbalance in energy and food markets. Confidence-building measures must start with evacuation of grains stuck in Ukraine through a peace force and enabling higher gas/oil output to cool prices. Logically funding of World Bank and IMF for structural assistance must follow to enable hope in the future. Economic distress – as witnessed in parts of Africa and Asia — is a recipe for the unravelling of the very rule-based world order the fragile coalition is trying to preserve.

WHERE HAS GANDHI'S, NEHRU'S INDIA GONE?

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

ONCE upon a time there was Mahatma Gandhi's India which dovetailed imperceptibly into Jawaharlal Nehru's India. As a matter of fact, Gandhi's India and Nehru's India were people's India where citizens felt like owners and cheerfully played their roles as owners. It was an India that made Indians proud.

Like all humans, and like all national leaders, Gandhi and Nehru had their weaknesses and those weaknesses often led to blunders of policy. These, too, have led to books. *Nehru's Himalayan Blunders* is not a book on the mistakes Nehru made, but an account of the accession of Jammu & Kashmir by Justice S N Aggarwal. But there are other books focused on Nehru — from Michael Brecher's *Nehru: A Political Biography* to Shashi Tharoor's *Nehru: The Invention of India*. (Alas, M J Akbar has lost the way, so his *Nehru: The Making of India* is best left in the wings)

It is clear that Gandhi and Nehru left footprints, the historical value of which has remained unmatched over the years. Neither Lal Bahadur Shastri, nor Indira Gandhi, nor P V Narasimha Rao, nor any of the others fitted into the Gandhi-Nehru mould. But they were leaders of calibre and their ambitions for India were generally the same as the ambitions of the general public. So their stature remained undiminished.

Things changed after 2014. That was the year when a party's interests rose above the country's interests. Narendra Modi was sworn in as the 14th Prime Minister of India. That change made historically important waves that prime ministerial changes in the past had not seen. Why? The answer is twofold. First, the rise to power of the BJP was different from the rise of parties earlier. The BJP brought into the realm of power an ideological objective that was unseen earlier. This meant changing the fundamentals of government and policy objectives at national level.

Secondly, the fact that the BJP was another word for Modi was critically important. He had personality traits that made his political ambitions non-negotiable. India has not seen a national leader more acutely conscious of his unimpressive beginnings. Remember the special jacket he wore for his meeting with Obama, with embroidered golden stripes repetitiously proclaiming Narendra Damodardas Modi. A Congress supporter remarked: "The levels of megalomania and narcissism are unparalleled." Abraham Lincoln and Lal Bahadur Shastri rose from humbler beginnings. But those beginnings became golden feathers in their caps. (Forgive Modi if he had the last laugh. Soon after the display of narcissism, the jacket entered the Guinness Book of World Records. At an auction the suit was sold for ₹4.3 crore, attracting the description "the most expensive suit ever auctioned". The buyer was a man from Surat. He was no doubt inspired by the thought that a historical

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treasure like that suit should not leave the beloved homeland of Gujarat.)

The question comes up: What is more valuable — a suit that costs crores, or a good reputation? Perhaps the time for that question is over. Political standards have changed. A good reputation based on good government is no longer the aim of parties. Personal glory has become a more powerful driving force.

Amazing has been the flow of books glorifying Narendra Modi. *Modi @20* is only among the latest. *N Modi, A Biography* and *N Modi: The Art of Leadership* and *The Modi Effect* and *Common Man's PM* and *Truth & Dare, The Modi Dynamic* are just a few of them. Most of them treat facts, assessments and final judgments to suit political ends.

Modi's India is an exception. It is worthy of special attention because it is written by Christophe Jaffrelot, a recognised specialist on Indian affairs. It goes into details that are sure to attract readers' attention. The subtitle to the book sums it up well: "Hindu Nationalism and the Rise of Ethnic Democracy." The point to note here is that Modi's India has gone down in the global indexes that measure democracy's health. Ethnic democracy essentially means equating the majority Hindu community with the nation. Others are reduced to second-class citizenship. "Laws are passed to protect Hindu symbols, crack down on foreign NGOs and appoint Hindu nationalist sympathisers as heads of prestigious universities."

Time was when such things were anathema to India. The country was famous for leaders who had a universal outlook and who saw democracy as the natural right of citizens. That helped India develop into a democracy that other newly independent countries saw as an inspiration. Where have those days gone? Why have they gone?

MODI'S DARLING *VS* DELHI'S DARLING FOR IMAGE POWER

POWER & POLITICS

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THERE are two genus of leaders, those who redefine and those who refine. Narendra Modi redefined the idea of India by combining promises of development and nationalism, while Arvind Kejriwal refined development with promises of soft nationalism. For both men, Indraprastha is the power playground. Though Delhi elects just seven Lok Sabha MPs, houses only about one per cent of the national population and has a geographical area of barely 1,483 sq kilometres, it occupies disproportionate mind space both in India and abroad.

For the past eight years, it is the site of conflict between 'Marauding' Modi and 'Crafty' Kejriwal. Coincidently, both politicians assumed power in Delhi around the same time. Modi captured the Raisina Hills in 2014. In 2015, Kejriwal halted Modi's triumphant chariot on the city's borders by reducing the BJP's strength to just three MLAs in a house of 70 — the saffron squad had won the capital's all Lok Sabha seats. Since then, BJP hasn't been able to tame or challenge Kejriwal's popularity as 'Delhi's Darling'. Much to the chagrin of the top BJP leadership, he is getting both national and global approbation for the K-model of governance. Foreign dignitaries and Opposition chief ministers make it a point to pay a courtesy call on Kejriwal. He has been getting almost equal, if not more, media exposure as Modi. BJP's local leaders resemble pygmies who cannot offer even a symbolic challenge to the AAP.

Since Delhi BJP seems to be a lost case, the Modi-Shah combo has taken it upon themselves to showcase works done by the city's local bodies like DDA, Delhi Police, New Delhi Municipal Council and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) by handpicking pet civil servants whose mission is to build up and project new leaders.

Last week, India's Power Double adopted a novel experiment, which if succeeds, can revive BJP's moribund organisation in Delhi. Previously, Shah had posted trusted, tried and tested Rakesh Asthana, a retired Gujarat cadre IPS officer, as Delhi's Police Commissioner. It may have resembled a routine administrative action, but sent a major political message to disrupt the capital's energetically elitist social and executive network's invisible net. Following Modi's strategy to purge Lutyens culture and personalities from the echelons of power, Shah has set another precocious precedent. Since Delhi is controlled by the Home Ministry through the Lieutenant Governor, he appointed 64-year-old Vinai Kumar Saxena, a former corporate executive as Delhi's 22nd L-G.

Having started his career from Ahmedabad as a middle level executive in the Kanpur based J&K Group, Saxena is a stranger to New Delhi's political and social circles. While he was in Ahmedabad, Saxena impressed the PM-HM team with his earthy and innovation style of operation as head of an NGO. When Modi became the prime minister, Saxena was brought to Delhi as chairman of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission in 2015. During the past five years, he converted KVIC into a multibillion organisation and created business opportunities for local artisans and weavers. The golf-loving Anil Baijal, who survived as L-G for a record six years, was irreversibly ineffective. He owed his job to a former powerful minister who loved Lutyens de luxe. Saxena is expected to take an active role unlike most of the 21 previous L-Gs. The post has usually been held by retired bureaucrats. Four were from the aristocratic Indian Civil Service, 13 from the IAS, two from the IPS and two from the Air Force. Only AN Jha, Jagmohan and Air Vice Chief Marshal HKL Kapoor played an active role in Delhi's affairs.

While Saxena's predecessors had massive administrative experience to deal with the capital's complex administrative structure, he has no background in politics or government. But Modi and Shah appear to have discovered virtues in him, which they couldn't in any of the *babu* inhabitants of Lutyens Delhi. Over half a dozen of them had been lobbying hard through RSS, BJP and corporate channels. But Saxena didn't need such muscle since he had all Modi prerequisites like desirability and loyalty. His first statement after taking the oath indicates that he isn't going to be another indolent Raj Niwas apparatchik: "Today, I want to tell every citizen of Delhi that a new L-G has been sworn in, but I will work as a local guardian. The people will see me less in Raj Niwas and more on the streets. There is a problem of pollution in Delhi. For tackling this problem, we will work together with the government and the public," Saxena aims to be more visible than Kejriwal. Baijal never indulged BJP MPs and party officials, leaving them out of all official functions in their own constituencies.

Saxena has the unenviable challenging task to take on Kejriwal by hitting the streets, to be more visible than the Chief Minister. Since the Prime Minister always participates in major public events, Saxena will create enough opportunities for Modi to be present

Over the past 25 years, the saffron party has been reduced to the municipal marsh. It could win all the Lok Saha seats thanks to Modi magic, and the municipal corporations because of strong RSS support. However, the BJP has failed to capture the Assembly. For a political outfit that once ruled Delhi for almost a decade until 1998, the BJP had been eviscerated by the Congress earlier, and then AAP, because the former couldn't produce an efficacious state leader who could carry the cadre and political factions together.

In Delhi's administrative structure, the L-G plays an important role in protecting the political leadership by making all the stakeholders active partners in development projects. The BJP has been accused of massive corruption and administrative failure in the municipal corporations. Its Central leadership feared a massive defeat, should municipal elections be held now; an unaffordable debacle before the Lok Sabha polls. As a preventive measure, the Home Ministry merged all three municipal corporations into one body and chose efficient officers to manage it. All of them aren't particularly liked by the Kejriwal government. Since the new MCD would directly report to the Home Ministry through the L-G, Saxena has the unenviable challenging task to take on Kejriwal by hitting the streets, to be more visible than the CM. With the sanguine support of Modi and Shah, he will enjoy financial and administrative backing. Since the PM always participates in all major public events related to new projects or social gatherings, Saxena will create enough opportunities for Modi to be present; the AAP government abhors the attendance of Union ministers and the Prime Minister.

Modi began cleansing the Central machinery, legal system and academic institutions of all hostile elements soon after he became the PM. His mission of foisting double-engine *sarkars* has been successful in many states. The state of Delhi, a picayune political palatine but with high stakes is an exception. Saxena is expected to deliver a double-engine *sarkar* that will enshrine Modi mind space in the minds and hearts of citizens while making Kejriwal just an attractive but partially powerful bogeyman. There can be only one supremo in India's supreme city and Modi is leaving no one in doubt who it is. And always will be.

QUOTE CORNER

We will continue to press forward in our cooperation towards realizing a Free and Open Indo-Pacific while also working in close collaboration to achieve an 'Asia Zero Emissions Community'

Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister of Japan

It has been my conviction that Pakistan will progress only through sheer hard work. Politics of dharna is detrimental to progress & stability. We are focused on overcoming challenges of governance. Nothing can distract us from the task at hand. I owe it to people of Pakistan

Shehbaz Sharif, Pakistan PM

Over the past decade, the cost of everything has gone up while wages have gone nowhere. The work of getting wages moving again has already begun

Anthony Albanese, Australian PM

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Row over financial autonomy

As regards to the editorial 'States fight for financial autonomy', readers get an impression that states do not receive any indirect taxes and that all GST collection is going to the Union govt. All of SGST and 42% CGST go to the states. The real issue is that the states are forced to live within their means rather than borrowing and spending recklessly giving freebies for getting votes. States can hike the GST rates of goods and services with a three fourth majority in the GST council if they so desire. You claim that the states have only a few avenues left to generate resources. If the States want more revenue they can make the state GST department more effective and also ask the GST council for increasing the rate

P Rajesh, Kannur

Lessons from Aryan trial

This refers to the report 'No proof, Aryans's name cleared in narcotics case'. The clean chit to Aryan Khan in drug case by NCB is surprising as the same agency from the beginning left no stone unturned to implicate him on trumped-up charges. This episode has abundantly exposed the chinks in the armour of the NCB . The two takeaways from this sordid saga are: First celebrities, who get preferential treatment in all spheres of public life, are also sitting ducks for investigating agencies who are hungry to hog the media limelight. Secondly, the media propensity to pronounce judgments by conducting media trials and therefore shape the public opinion has become common place. A piece of legislation ought to be enacted that till the cases by respective agencies are sub-judice, media intervention is proscribed.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

Speedy trial for corrupt netas

This is with reference to 'Haryana ex-CM Chautala gets 4 years in prison; `50 lakh fine'. At 87 it is pathetic to spend four years in jail for the proven disproportionate assets case of 16 years old. Lalu Yadav at 74 is also spending his old age in jail for fodder scam cases . Only a few cases come to the punishment stage, that too after a lapse of several decades and by that time all the Ill-gotten wealth will be distributed to all kith and kin and some family members will continue the party activities of fathers. Senile political convicts will have all the facilities in prison and in best hospitals as VIPS. There should be quick justice for corrupt politicians and government officials so that it will act as a deterrent for new crop of corrupt ministers and officials. 'Justice delayed is justice denied'.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Kerala's communal schism

Kerala, which was once known for great communal amity, is passing through unprecedented communal turbulence, evidenced by two recent incidents. Firstly, a child perched on a participant in a rally organised by the Popular Front of India was heard to mouth hate slogans against another community, which drew the ire of Hindus and Christians. In the second, a former MLA was arrested for airing hate speech against Muslims. The latter, following his arrest, was provided 'moral support' by the BJP, as he had targeted Muslims, suiting BJP's scheme of things. The double standards is appalling and, to a great extent disturbing and unsettling. A shocked judiciary was heard to wonder 'what is happening in this country'. This is exactly the same sentiment that is being expressed by right-thinking citizens who are genuinely concerned about India, which seems to be caught in an unparalleled communal schism.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Most appropriate sentence

Yasin Malik has been sentenced to life imprisonment. This judgment is most appropriate. He tried to exterminate the Pandits in Kashmir valley and he must repay for the diabolic agenda. I fail to understand how this convict managed to meet the highest offices of this country. Should we believe that the persons who met this man had no prior knowledge of his involvement in brutal violence?

AMN Pandian, Tirunelveli

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
Happened for the first time in these five-six years that people of the ruling party were forbidden to come to the police stations.

Randeep Singh Surjewala @rssurjewala
Unemployment breaks 45 year record Crores have given up hope of employment, Now 50% jobs in railways are over forever!

Derek O'Brien @derekobrienmp
PM, you promised housing for all by 2022. You targeted building 1.2 crore homes in urban areas. In 7 years, you are just half way there.

Stolen antique idols to reach TN home

The idols, dated 10-12th century, have been retrieved from the US and Australia following government efforts

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

TEN antique idols, including bronze deities of Lord Natraja and Shiva-Parvati dated around 10-12th century, retrieved from the United States of America (US) and Australia following joint efforts of the ministries of culture and external affairs, will return to their home state —Tamil Nadu. During a ceremony in New Delhi likely to take place on June 1, the culture ministry will hand over the repatriated cultural heritage objects to the Tamil Nadu (TN) government.

With the event, the process to give antiquities recovered from foreign countries back to the states — Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh from where they were stolen decades ago —will start, as promised by the ministry. The Centre brought back 186 artefacts — mainly idols — between October 2021 and March 2020 from the US, Australia and Canada. These articles were stolen and smuggled out of the country over a period of time.

The officials said that handover would take place at the National Gallery of Modern Art, in which the Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy will return the antiquities to the state government in the presence of TN ministers, senior officials of the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) and the state government.

However, the event will not be grand like the previous one in November, when an 18th century idol of Goddess Annapurna was given to the Uttar Pradesh (UP) government. At that time, at least 10 union ministers and six UP ministers attended the event, and priests from four prominent temples in Delhi — Jhandewalan, Chattarpur, Kalkaji, and Chittaranjan Park performed rituals during the handover ceremony.

The idol of Goddess Annapurna was installed at Kashi Vishwanath temple just before the state Assembly election in UP.

The collection of antiquities to be handed over to the TN government includes figurines named Dwarapala, Nataraja, Kankalamurti Kadayam, Nadikeswara Kadayam, Four-Armed Vishnu, Sri Devi, Siva & Parvati, Standing Child Sambandar, and Child Sambandar.

"The states will decide how and where their retrieved articles are displayed in museums," said officials.

Reddy, earlier, told TNIE that Prime Minister Narendra Modi wanted to return antiquities to the state,s and that unclaimed objects would be kept at the Gallery of Confiscated and Retrieved Antiquities in Purana Quila for public viewing.

BACK FROM FOREIGN SHORES

NATARAJA
Time Period: Middle Chola, 10th CE
Bronze. Four armed. Lower right is in abhaya mudra while the lower left is thrown across his body; the upper left holds a flame in an open palm, the right hand carries a Damaru.

KANKALAMURTI KADAYAM
Time Period: 11 CE
Bronze. Fearsome aspect of Siva. 4-armed holding Damaru and Trishul in the upper hands. A dog is shown on the right and a dwarf figure on the left. Siva is holding a bowl in the lower left hand.

CHILD SAMBANDAR
Time Period: 12 CE
Bronze. Dancing on a lotus, with one leg raised. His right hand points towards the heavens, while his left is extended gracefully in the elephant trunk gesture.

NADIKESWARA KADAYAM
Time Period: 11 CE
Bronze. Standing with folded arms holding an axe and deer on the upper arms. Profusely ornamented.

FOUR ARMED VISHNU
Time Period: 12 CE
Bronze. Standing, holding chakra and shankh in upper hands. Lower right in abhaya mudra and lower left in kati hasta.

SIVA & PARVATI
Time Period: 12 CE
Bronze. Standing. Siva is four-armed, and is gently embracing Parvathi with his left hand. Beautifully ornamented.

STANDING CHILD SAMBANDAR
Time Period: 12 CE
Bronze. Standing. His raised hand points to Shiva's heavenly abode at Mount Kailash.

NE can transform regional economy, says Jaishankar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

AN India that is more connected to the Northeast will mean a complete transformation of the regional economy, External Affairs Minister, Dr S. Jaishankar, said on Saturday while addressing the National Allies in Development and Interdependence (NADI) Asian Confluence River Conclave in Guwahati.

"Today too, our national resurgence is directly connected to the economic revival of the East. The coming together therefore of the Act East and the Neighbourhood First policies have an enormous reinforcing impact," he said.

He also spoke about improving connectivity between the Northeast and Bangladesh, through the restoration of six cross-border rail links that have been dormant since 1965. "Once operational, the Shahabazpur (Bangladesh) to Mahishasan (Assam) link will be extended within Bangladesh and connected to the Kuluara-Shahbazpur rail line currently being modernised using an Indian line of credit (LoC)," he said, adding that the Chilahati-Haldibari (West Bengal) line, inaugurated in 2020, will further enhance Assam's connectivity to Bangladesh, including passenger traffic, through New Jalpaiguri. The conclave was also attended by Bangladeshi Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen.

The external affairs minister emphasised that if there is land connectivity through Myanmar and sea connectivity through Bangladesh, it would open a wide frontier of trade right up to Vietnam and Phillipines. "On a commercial scale, a world all the way to Vietnam and Philippines, from Haiphong to Hazira and from Manila to Mundra will open up, creating an east-west lateral with sweeping consequences for the continent. It will not only build on the partnerships that we have with the ASEAN and Japan, but would actually make a difference to the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework that is now in the making," he added.

A new rail link from Akhaura (Bangladesh) to Agartala (Tripura) is being developed and it is already increasing trade between India and Bangladesh —S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister

After 'soft Hindutva', Congress now trying Hindi push to win over cow belt

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

AFTER practising 'soft Hindutva', the Congress is now aiming to reach out to the masses in the cow belt by pushing a Hindi agenda. Party leaders say there is a "realisation" among the top leadership that language is also an issue that the party has not been able to effectively communicate with the people in the Hindi heartland, where the BJP has the largest footprints.

The process was rolled at the party's 'Nav Sankalp Shivir' earlier this month in Rajasthan, as their 'Udaipur declaration' was read in Hindi, a first that differentiated the Udaipur Chintan Shivir from previous such conclaves. The party also decided to release the Hindi version of the Modi government's report card on completing eight years of governance on May 26.

"It was a collective decision to release both documents in Hindi, keeping in mind the people in Hindi heartland. It was also keeping in mind the push by the Modi government to use Hindi as an alternative to English," said a party leader, who was part of the Udaipur Declaration drafting committee.

Home Minister Amit Shah recently triggered a debate by saying that Hindi should be an alternative to English, which was criticised by the non-Hindi speaking states, particularly in the South.

The Congress' declaration at Udaipur Chintan Shivir was read out in Hindi | FILE PIC

Party workers from Hindi-speaking states have been pestering me that spokespersons should speak in Hindi as people in a village in UP/ Bihar won't understand English. It doesn't mean we don't keep in mind people in Southern states but things have to be balanced.

—ANIL K SHASTRI, chairman, Congress Hindi dept

However, one of the most trusted allies of the Congress, DMK chief and TN Chief Minister MK Stalin, while sharing a dais with Modi on Thursday, asked the Centre not to impose Hindi on the people of the state. To make inroads in southern states, Modi lauded the Tamil language and culture.

The Congress spokespersons have also been told to speak both in Hindi and English while addressing press conferences.

Anil K Shastri, chairman, Congress Hindi Department, says the use of Hindi has always been part of their work culture but now there is a realisation that they need to adopt it tactically to connect with the masses in Hindi-speaking states. "We have to see that BJP's core vote bank lies in Hindi-speaking states though efforts are to make inroads in southern states," he said.

DEFICIENT SERVICE

INDIGO FINED ₹5L FOR NOT BOARDING SPECIAL CHILD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has slapped a penalty of ₹5 lakh on IndiGo airlines for denying boarding to a specially abled child at Ranchi airport earlier this month.

The aviation body had on May 9 formed a three-member team to investigate the May 7 incident. The three-member team's preliminary findings had on May 16 found IndiGo to be in violation of its regulations, and therefore, the airline was issued a show-cause notice.

"Based on the inquiry conducted by the DGCA, a showcause notice was issued to IndiGo. In view of the inquiry report, the competent authority in DGCA has decided to impose a penalty of ₹5 Lakh on the airline under the provisions of the relevant Aircraft Rules," a statement issued by the DGCA said.

The inquiry revealed that the handling of the special child by the Indigo ground staff was "deficient and ended up exacerbating the situation".

"A more compassionate handling would have smoothened the nerves, calmed the child and would have obviated the need for the extreme step resulting in denial of boarding to the passengers. Special situations deserve extraordinary responses but the airline staff failed to rise up to the occasion and in the process committed lapses in adherence to the letter and spirit of the Civil Aviation Requirements Regulations," the DGCA added.

The regulator said in order to avoid such situations in the future, it would revisit its own regulations, making it mandatory for airlines to take the airport doctor's written opinion on the health of a passenger before making a decision to deny boarding.

Moreover, the DGCA said the new regulations would make sure that there is also a written consultation with the captain of the aircraft in such situations.

5-Member Pak team to visit India over Indus Water Treaty

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

A five-member delegation from Pakistan is expected to be in New Delhi on Monday for the 118th bilateral talks on the Indus Water Treaty. They are likely to discuss key projects as part of the treaty.

According to sources, this delegation has got an approval from Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to visit India for talks. The delegation will cross over into India from Wagah border. The talks are expected to be held on May 30 and 31, and the delegation will return on June 1.

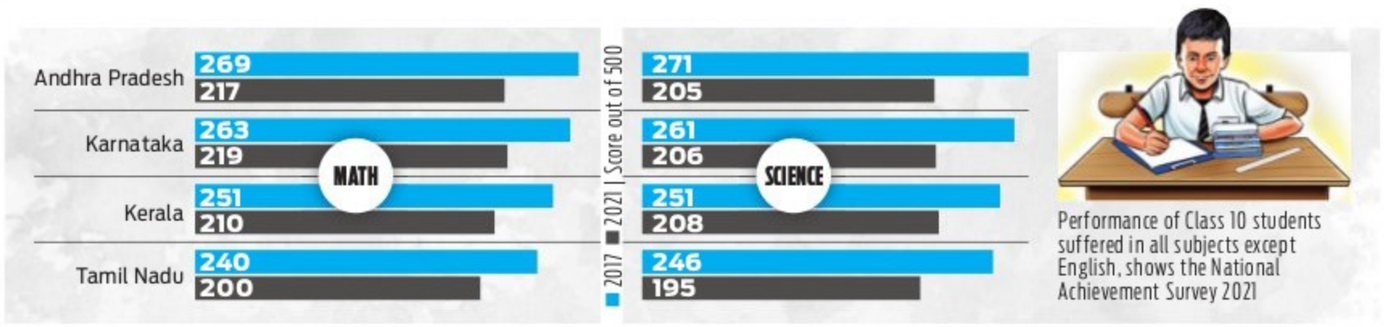
Issues on the table

During the meeting, both sides would deliberate on the issue of advance flood information and the annual report of the Permanent Commission of Indus Waters

The group will be led by Pakistan commissioner for Indus Water, Syed Mehr Ali Shah, and will include chief engineer of Punjab irrigation department, director general of Met Office, general manager of National Engineering Services Pakistan (NESPAK), and director general of ministry of foreign affairs on India desk (DG MoFA). During the meeting, both sides would deliberate on the issue of advance flood information and the annual report of the Permanent Commission of Indus Waters (PCIW).

PCIW is a bilateral commission of officials from India and Pakistan established in 1960. They meet once a year alternately in India and Pakistan. The last talks (117th) were held in Islamabad in March this year for three days.

The Pakistani side is expected to deliberate on 1,000 MW Pakal Dul under Article IX of the Indus Waters Treaty, 48 MW Lower Kalnai and 624 MW Kiru project hydropower projects being built by India on the west flowing rivers.



Performance of Class 10 students suffered in all subjects except English, shows the National Achievement Survey 2021

Students' performance goes down since 2017

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE performance of school students in all the classes in four southern states — Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu — has come down in most subjects barring English compared to the last assessment four years ago, reveals the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021.

The only uptick is that the scaled scores out of 500 in most subjects have been above the national average. However, most Class X students in the four states scored below the basic levels in Science.

A detailed analysis of the state-wise report card shows that the Class III scores in Language in Kerala came down from 349 to 342. In Maths, the score declined from 340 to 313, and in Environmental Studies, the decrease was from 346 to 318. The same trend is seen in the scores of Classes V, VIII and X.

Students in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have shown similar downward results.

The national average for Class III in Language stood at 323, 306 in Maths and 307 in EVS.

Around 34 lakh students in 1.18 lakh schools in 720 districts across the country took part in NAS 2021 in one of the most extensive exercises of its kind carried out by the Department of School Education and Literacy in the union ministry of education. The last NAS was carried out in 2017.

English was the only subject where Class X students performed better in all the four states.

In Karnataka, the English score of Class X students went up to 283 from 269; in Kerala, it jumped to 300 from 263, Tamil Nadu saw a rise from 249 to 275, and in Andhra Pradesh, it increased to 291 from 274.

A further breakdown of the results showed that 32 percent of Class VIII students in Tamil Nadu performed below the basic level in the Language, 26 per cent in Mathematics and 24 per cent in EVS.

In Class V, 40 percent of the students performed below basic in EVS, 39 percent in Mathematics and 27 per cent in Languages.

Science and Social Science became a big challenge in Class VIII as half of the students struggled below the basic level in the two subjects.

In Class X, an astonishing 85 per cent of students performed below par in Science. A similar trend was witnessed among Class X students in Andhra Pradesh and Kerala, where 75 percent and 74 percent of them scored below the basic level.

From Lanka relief to exercises with others, Navy boosting maritime ties

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

DEFENCE Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday appreciated the efforts of the Indian Navy and emphasised on India's Neighborhood First policy while speaking with the crew of Indian Naval Ship Gharial which is in Colombo, Sri Lanka, to deliver relief material.

At the same time, the warships as part of the third edition of Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy bilateral exercise, 'Bongosagar', were busy completing the Sea Phase in the Bay of Bengal from 26-27 May.

Expressing his happiness at INS Gharial reaching Sri Lanka, Singh stated this is in keeping with India's age-old tradition of standing by with our friends in times of need.

Exercise Bongosagar is aimed at developing a high degree of interoperability and joint operational skills through the conduct of maritime exercises and operations between the two navies.

Rajnath Singh during an interaction with Navy personnel | FILE PIC

Indian Naval ships Kora, an indigenously built Guided Missile Corvette, and Sumedha, an indigenously built Offshore Patrol Vessel, are participating in the exercise. Bangladesh Navy is being represented by BNS Abu Ubaidah and Ali Haider, both Guided Missile Frigates.

Indian Navy is extending humanitarian aid while holding maritime maneuvers with foreign navies.

Meanwhie, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Training Squadron ships JS Kashima and JS Shimakaze carried out underway fuelling with Indian Navy tanker INS Aditya in Central Arabian Sea. Manoeuvres at sea were also undertaken to enhance interoperability between the Indian Navy and JMSDF, the Indian Navy said on Tuesday.

Also, the second joint patrolling in the South-Western Indian Ocean last week between navies of India and France concluded. Meanwhile, India and Australia have been working on expanding maritime surveillance and anti-submarine warfare cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region.

SPECIAL OFFICERS SACKED

Four special police officers were removed from service after a departmental inquiry found them having links with cattle smugglers in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Saturday

427KG CANNABIS SEIZED AT KALAHANDI IN ODISHA, 10 NABBED

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	29	Mumbai	33	28
Bhopal	39	27	Panaji	36	28
Jaipur	40	29	Patna	36	28
Amritsar	40	27	Lucknow	40	30
Chennai	38	28	Port Blair	32	27
Kolkata	36	27	Imphal	31	19
Srinagar	28	11	Chandigarh	45	30

Police to probe if others faced similar treatment

As per the police, an inquiry would now be conducted into the credentials of the madrasa to ascertain if it was on the government panel or not and also the sources of its funding. The number of students enrolled in the madrasa and their permanent address will also be probed. A police officer said that during the probe, it would also be inquired if the Maulana was treating other students with the same strictness and the culprit would be adequately punished on the basis of the report.

A screen grab of the video of the incident | EXPRESS

Minors kept 'chained' in madrasa to avert escape

Parents of minor claim they requested cleric to be strict with boys

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

TWO minor boys who were rescued from a madrasa in Lucknow on Friday were found with their feet chained, allegedly by the cleric to prevent them from running away.

The incident came to light after a video of the minors went viral. The police reached the madrasa and freed the children. The cleric was detained.

However, the boys' parents had submitted a written request in the local police station, saying they had urged Maulana Riyaz to treat the boys strictly. They did not want any legal action against the maulana.

The police said the parents claimed their children had attempted to escape the madrasa many times. Therefore, they had requested the maulana to be strict with them.

When the two minors fled the madrasa located in Gosainganj to their native village of Barabanki, a distance of around 35 km, with their feet in chains, the villagers were shocked to see them in iron shackles and freed them from the chains.

According to Gosainganj police station in-charge Shailendra Giri, the younger boy, 13, a native of Barabanki, was admitted to the madrasa for better 'Deeni Talim' (religious learning). "His parents said he had come home during Ramzan and never wanted to return," said Giri.

Dr Shuchita Chaturvedi, member, Uttar Pradesh State Child Rights Protection Commission, it was inhuman to keep the children confined. "Corporal punishment to children in educational institutions is an offence.

Even if the children were meted out harsh treatment with the consent of parents, legal action will follow," said Dr Chatruvedi.

She said that it was also against law not to report the matter even after being aware of it.

The police said an inquiry would follow into the credentials of the madrasa to ascertain if it was on the government panel. The source of its funding and the number of students enrolled in it with their permanent addresses would have to be looked into, said a police officer.

ISLAMOPHOBIA

1,000 sansads soon to unite society: Jamiat Ulama-I-Hind

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

IN a move to go united against growing 'Islamophobia', the Ulema and clerics part of the Jamiat-Ulama-I-Hind (JUH) from across the country converged at Deoband in UP's Saharanpur on Saturday to take part in a two-day conference organised by the religious outfit.

While accusing the government by alleging that it talked of a 'United India' (Akhand Bharat), and has been patronising hate mongers due to which it had become difficult for the Muslim community to live freely, the clerics, on a positive note, announced to hold 1,000 Sadbhawana Sansads(goodwill conferences) to unite the society against hatred and Islamophobia.

The two-day congregation of the governing body of JUH commenced at Eidgah Maidan in Deoband and was attended by nearly 2000 members and representatives of the organisations from all over the country. The meet was presided over by Maulana Mahmood Asad Madani, the JUH president.

The meet also passed three resolutions in this regard.

"We have been maintaining patience but that does not mean that we will bow our heads and accept everything. We can compromise on everything, but not on our faith," said Madani in his presidential address.

Akal Takht chief, 423 others lose security cover

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB government on Saturday withdrew the security of Akal Takht Jathedar Harpreet Singh days after he announced Sikhs should keep licensed weapons. The high priest is among 424 VIPs in the state whose security stood withdrawn.

The Jathedar responded by saying he didn't need the government's security anyway as could "defend himself."

Before today's decision, the AAP government had removed security cover of around 314 VIPs in the state.

The security of Giani Raghbir Singh, Jathedar of Takht Kesgarh Sahib in Anandpur Sahib district; Sant Niranjan Dass, chief of Dera Sachkhand Ballan in Jalandhar; Satguru Udhay Singh Namdhari, Bhaini Sahib, Ludhiana; Giani Jagtar Singh, head granthi at Golden Temple in Amritsar; Baba Lakha Singh, Gurdwara Nanaksar Kaleran wale, Jagraon; and Sant Tarminder Singh, Dera chief of Kahna Dhesian, Goraya in Jalandhar has also been withdrawn.

Jakhar lost Z-category

Former state Congress chief Sunil Jakhar was stripped of his Z-category security on May 12, which left him with only two security personnel

Ten police personnel deployed to protect Dera Radha Soami Satsang Beas, nine of Dera Divya Jyoti Jagriti Sansthan, Noormahal and six to guard Shahi Imam Punjab, Mohammad Usman Ludhianvi, have also been removed.

Others who would no longer require state protection include Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, former Speaker Rana KP, Sidhu Musewala and Kuljit Nagra.

"This is a temporary measure. The police personnel will be required for additional deployment on June 6, the anniversary of Operation Blue Star," said a police officer.

SAD chief Sukhbir Badal hit out at the government on Twitter. "With its flip-flop on security to the highly respected Jathedar Sahiban of Khalsa Panth's venerated Takhts, including Sri Akal Takht Sahib, the AAP govt has merely exposed itself as anti-Punjab & anti-Panth."

"The Jathedar Sahiban are protected by the blessings of Akal Purakh, Guru Sahiban and by Panth. The security was posted with them only as a mark of respect for their esteemed positions," he said in another tweet.

CHANDIGARH DIARY

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State BJP was in dark about Jakhar's joining

The Punjab BJP leaders who congratulated former Punjab Congress President Sunil Jakhar for joining the saffron party, after Jakhar was inducted in the party by national president JP Nadda, had no idea about his joining right until the official briefing was given. Apparently, the news of his joining was not communicated to state leaders, who only came to know of it – along with the world – once the Sunil Jakhar was inducted by Nadda at the party HQ in Delhi . The state leaders kept on denying the news of the joining, and once Nadda's announcement came they were dumbfounded. Nadda, who inducted the former Congress leader into BJP, clearly said that he would play a critical role for BJP in Punjab.

Sidhu, Majithia slayer's boxing taunt on FB

An illustrated picture posted on Facebook by AAP MLA Jeevan Jyot Kaur who defeated biggies Navjot Singh Sidhu and Bikram Majithia in Amritsar (East) and dubbed 'giant-killer' has now caught the attention of many. In the illustrated picture, she is seeing wearing boxing gloves in the ring knocking both Sidhu and Majithia out. She is seen punching both of them in one go, with the caption reading 'Mary Kom of Amritsar'. Jeevan Jyot Kaur, a relative newbie in politics managed to bag 39,679 votes to become a first-time MLA from Amritsar East. The activist-turned-politician is also touted as Punjab's 'padwoman' for her campaign to provide sanitary napkins to several schools, women in jails, and old-age homes.

Himachal MLA slaps student, draws flak

Deputy Speaker of the Himachal Assembly Hans Raj, who is MLA of Churah in Chamba district, has landed in controversy after he slapped a student while on a visit to Government Senior Secondary School in Raila here and was addressing students. When he found a student in the audience chuckling, the MLA asked if the one in question was feeling sick. The MLA soon lost cool and walked up to him and slapped him. The video of the incident went viral on social media. It lent ample ammunition to the Congress and AAP as elections are due later this year in the hill state. One leader said that children are hugged and loved during visits by VIPs to schools and not slapped.

MP ex-minister sparks row over 'Jinnah Sahab'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A political controversy has erupted in BJP-ruled Madhya Pradesh over a Kamal Nath loyalist ex-minister Sajjan Singh Verma referring to Pakistan founder Muhammad Ali Jinnah as 'Jinnah Sahab.'

Addressing a Congress protest in Mandsaur district over rising prices on Friday, Verma, the former MP PWD minister said, "It was our ancesstors, including Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Patel, Subhash Chandra, Azad and Jinnah Sahab (Muhammad Ali Jinnah) who attained freedom for the country and not those who are celebrating the 75 years of independence now."

In the video, Verma is also using the word *naradham* (demon) indirectly for the PM without taking his name. In the same speech, he uses the word *Patthha* (young chap) for the PM.

The Congress remained silent over his remarks, but BJP's state chief VD Sharma said, "It wasn't a slip of tongue, but a deliberate comment to praise Pakistan in some or the other way. They (Congress leaders) seem to be paying for the tender allotted to them for praising Pakistan and denigrating India."

CONG'S TANKHA SET FOR ANOTHER RAJYA SABHA RUN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

WITH the date for the Rajya Sabha elections nearing, the Congress has decided to send senior Supreme Court advocate and sitting MP Vivek Tankha to the upper house of the Parliament for another six-year term from the BJP-ruled Madhya Pradesh.

Putting to rest the uncertainty and speculations about who will be fielded by the Congress for the RS biennial polls on June 10, state party president and ex-chief minister Kamal Nath on Saturday informed about the grand old party's decision to field the MP.

According to a senior functionary of the opposition party, Vivek Tankha is likely to file nomination for the RS polls in Bhopal on Monday.

The ruling BJP, however, is yet to decide on it's candidates for the three RS seats in MP which will go vacant next month.

Several names are doing rounds in BJP circles in MP, including present leader of the upper house and Union Minister Piyush Goyal, state party general secretary and OBC leader Kavita Patidar, party's national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya and former MP minister and national head of party's SC cell Lal Singh Arya.

As per the present numbers, the BJP is set to win two out of the three seats from MP, while the Congress will win one seat.

Presently, in the 230-strong Vidhan Sabha in Madhya Pradesh, the BJP has 127 members, while Congress has 96 MLAs, followed by four independents, two BSP legislators and one SP MLA.

The three RS seats from MP will fall vacant due to expiry of tenure of incumbent MPs, M J Akbar and Sampatiya Uikey (both BJP) and Vivek Tankha (Congress).

MP Vivek Tankha along with former MP CM Kamal Nath | EXPRESS

2 Padma awardees get AAP RS ticket in Punjab

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) today announced that anti-river pollution champion Balbir Singh Seechewal and entrepreneur-philanthropist-social activist Vikramjit Singh Sahney as its candidates for the two Rajya Sabha seats from Punjab. Both of them are Padma Shri awardees.

Vikramjit Sahney

Balbir Seechewal

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann made the announcement on Twitter and said, "I am happy to announce that AAP is nominating two Padma Shri awardees for the Rajya Sabha. One is environmentalist Padma Shri Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal and second is Padma Shri Vikramjit Singh Sahney. My best wishes to both of them."

Mann met Seechewal recently as he participated in a function to mark the 34th death anniversary of Sant Avtar Singh.

They are expected to file their nominations on Monday as the last date for filing of nominations is May 31. It is unlikely that Opposition parties will field any candidates for the RS polls, which are due on June 10.

The terms of RS members Ambika Soni (Congress) and Balwinder Singh Bhunder (Shiromani Akali Dal) are due to expire on July 4.

Once Seechewal and Sahney will assume their roles the AAP will have seven MPs in the Rajya Sabha from Punjab as five MPs of the party were elected unopposed in March, as term of then five RS members from the state came to an end.

While the Aam Aadmi Party had drawn the ire of opposition last time when five MPs were nominated to the upper house as the party was accused for sending non-Punjabis to Rajya Sabha.

The party had then sent its Punjab affairs in charge Raghav Chadha, its poll strategist Sandeep Pathak, cricketer Harbhajan Singh and industrialists Ashok Mittal and Sanjeev Arora to the Upper House.

Amid disarray, Rajasthan Cong to be watchful

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

WITH the Rajasthan Congress battered by a fight for leadership and growing disarray among party MLAs, the state brass has decided to exercise caution keeping in mind the upcoming Rajya Sabha and presidential elections.

The leadership tussle between Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his former deputy Sachin Pilot continues to remain unaddressed. While the recent resignations by MLAs Ashok Chandna and Ganesh Ghogra, has drawn attention to the dissatisfaction over the strained leadership. Chandna – who as minister controlled a lengthy portfolio – also slammed the Ashok Gehlot government for the growing disparities between the ministries and the bureaucracy. Ghogra – state Youth Congress president – too quit blaming state bureaucracy.

The trouble in the state Congress has been on for a while, but the party has failed to act on the problems faced with Pilot pressing for replacing the CM. The party is cautious not to delay the matter, citing what happened to the Congress in Punjab in the run up to the assembly polls.

Tougher quality criteria for Indian cos blamed for satellite launch delay

CHANDAN NANDY @ New Delhi

"The DGQA (Directorate General of Quality Assurance) goes easy with foreign suppliers and quickly accepts certificates of conformance (CoC) from them. But Indian companies and OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) are made to undergo several rounds of tests before their products are even considered for purchase," alleged the Chief Technology Officer and founder of an Indian company.

The protracted delays in launching the four satellites – designed to transmit at S-band frequencies – comes at a time when huge advancements have been made in technological finesse by the US National Propulsion Laboratory under National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the European Union's Galileo Space Agency and the Russian GLONASS.

According to sources in the Indian Air Force, what puzzled them was that the launch delay continued even though it paid ISRO ₹300 crore after completion of the technical discussions and payment of expenses for the launch. The last of the seven earlier satellites was launched in 2018 end.

When contacted over phone, former ISRO Chairman K Sivan told *The New Indian Express*, "The delay in launching the satellites was not because of priority issues. It was because of delay in procuring a particular type of sensor after the required specification got changed. The entire process had to be worked out again. Besides, in between the Covid-19 pandemic stopped the operations of all global companies involved in manufacturing satellite components".

> **The delay in launching the satellites was because of priority issues. It was because of delay in procuring a particular type of sensor after the required specification got changed** —K Sivan, ISRO Chairman

FILM SHOOTING

Baghel dons chief minister's role in 'reel' life

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

NO retakes for this perfect shot. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel just walked around the site of a film shooting unrehearsed and did perfectly what was expected from him in a brief role in the upcoming Hindi movie — *Mera Sangharsh, Ek Prerak Kahani* (My struggle, an inspirational story).

The movie is based on the "rise in the living standards through fish farming" of the Nishad community in the state, which is known for the traditional occupation of catching and selling fish.

A shot in the film shows Baghel as the Chief Minister, who is seen hurling the fishing net in a pond in a casual atmosphere, launching the fish business of the film's hero. In the film, Baghel, playing himself, comes to honour the hero who has scripted a success story through his entreprenuership.

Bhupesh Baghel, playing CM in the film, casts a fishing net | EXPRESS

The flawless acting by the Chief Minister didn't require any retake.

Barring a few film production personnel and some government officials, none of those assembled at the location during the CM's visit knew they were all being part of the film.

The shooting of the movie, produced under the banner of Sanket Sarjan and Kashi Film Production, Mumbai, is going on in Chhattisgarh's Balod district – about 85 km from state capital Raipur.

The CM had gone there as part of his ongoing public interaction (Bhent-Mulakat) tours covering all 90 Assembly seats. A scene of his public interaction programme was also filmed in village Ghotia of Daundi block on Sunday.

The 'acting' part was added to the Chief Minister's existing programme. Incidently, Baghel also attended a convention of Nishad community in Balod on the same day.

RUSSIA STEPS UP BATTLE FOR EASTERN UKRAINE

Moscow claims it has captured strategic town of Lyman; Zelenskyy says Ukraine is doing everything to defend Donbas region

KRAMATORSK

RUSSIA PRESSED its onslaught on eastern Ukraine Saturday, saying it had captured the strategic town of Lyman and had succesfully tested hypersonic missiles in the Arctic.

Ukrainian forces down the road battled to repel Russian forces from the outskirts of the key city of Severodonetsk, a Ukrainian official said, however denying claims it had been surrounded.

Russia is waging all-out war for the eastern Donbas region -- Ukraine's industrial heartland where President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has accused Moscow of carrying out a "genocide".

"The town of Krasny Liman has been entirely liberated from Ukrainian nationalists," the Russian defence ministry said, using the Russian name for Lyman and confirming an announcement a day earlier by pro-Moscow separatists. Lyman lies on the road to the urban centres of Severodonetsk and Kramatorsk still in Moscow's sights. Russian forces have been closing in on Severodonetsk and nearby Lysychansk in Lugansk province, with conflicting reports about the extent of their advance. Regional governor Sergiy Gaiday said Russian shelling continued on Severodonetsk as Ukrainian soldiers fought to oust invading forces from a hotel on its edges, but rejected claims the city had been completely encircled.

"Severodonetsk has not been cut off... there is still the possibility to deliver humanitarian aid," he told Ukrainian television.

A Lugansk police official, cited by Russia's state news agency RIA Novosti, late on Friday said Severodonetsk was "now surrounded" and Ukrainian troops could no longer leave the city. But Zelenskyy late on Friday said his country was doing everything to defend the Donbas from intense artillery fire, "missile strikes and aircraft attacks". "We are protecting our land in the way that our current defence resources allow," he added. "We are doing everything to increase them." As the country faces an increasingly desperate humanitarian situation, an Australian man was on Saturday reported to have been killed this week while supplying aid.

Local civilians gather to receive water distributed by Russian Emergency Situations Ministry in Mariupol, in territory under the government of the Donetsk People's Republic, eastern Ukraine | AP/PTI

Tasmania's Mercury newspaper identified the man as Michael Charles O'Neill, 47, with a tribute on Facebook saying he had been "driving the wounded and injured from the front line". An Australian official confirmed the death.

Three months after Russia launched its invasion on February 24, leaving thousands dead on both sides and forcing 6.6 million people out of the country, Moscow has gained control over swathes of eastern and southern Ukraine, including port cities Kherson and Mariupol. Russia on Saturday announced the latest test of its Zircon hypersonic cruise missile, which it said had dashed across some 1,000 kms and "successfully hit" a target in the Arctic. To further help Ukraine fight back, Washington was preparing to send advanced long-range rocket systems, according to US media reports.

Pentagon spokesman John Kirby did not confirm the plans to deliver the M270 Multiple Launch Rocket System, a highly mobile system capable of firing up to 300 kms that Kyiv has said it badly needs. But he said Washington was "still committed to helping them succeed on the battlefield". *AFP*

Putin urged to hold 'serious direct talks'

Berlin: German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and French President Emmanuel Macron on Saturday asked Russia's Vladimir Putin to hold "direct serious negotiations" with his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskyy. During an 80-minute conversation with the Russian president, the two EU leaders "insisted on an immediate ceasefire and a withdrawal of Russian troops," the German chancellor's office said.

Russian Prez says more Western arms 'dangerous'

Putin warns the West that ramping up weapons supplies to Ukraine is "dangerous" and could further destabilise the situation in the pro-Western country. His remarks come on the heels of US media reports that Washington is preparing to send advanced long-range rocket systems to further help Ukraine.

Police inaction moves to centre of Texas school shooting probe

HOUSTON

THE ACTIONS — or more notably, the inaction — of a school district police chief and other law enforcement officers moved swiftly to the centre of the investigation into this week's shocking school shooting in Uvalde, Texas.

The attack that left 19 children and two teachers dead in a fourth grade classroom was the nation's deadliest school shooting in nearly a decade, and for three days police offered a confusing and sometimes contradictory timeline that drew public anger and frustration.

By Friday, authorities acknowledged that students and teachers repeatedly begged 911 operators for help while the police chief told more than a dozen officers to wait in a hallway at Robb Elementary School.

Officials said he believed that the suspect was barricaded inside adjoining classrooms and that there was no longer an active attack.

The chief's decision — and the officers' apparent willingness to follow his directives against established active-shooter protocols — prompted questions about whether more lives were lost because officers did not act faster to stop the gunman, and who should be held responsible.

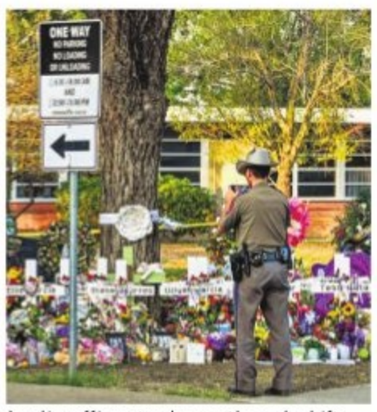
The delay in confronting the shooter—who was inside the school for more than an hour — could lead to discipline, lawsuits and even criminal charges against police.

"In these cases, I think the court of public opinion is far worse than any court of law or police department administrative trial," said Joe Giacalone, a retired New York police sergeant.

"This has been handled so terribly on so many levels, there will be a sacrificial lamb here or there." As the gunman fired at students, law enforcement officers from other agencies urged the school police chief to let them move in because children were in danger, two law enforcement officials said. One of the officials said audio recordings from the scene capture officers from other agencies telling the school police chief that the shooter was still active and that the priority was to stop him.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott, who at a news conference earlier in the week lauded the police for saving lives, said he had been misled about the initial response and promised there would be investigations into "exactly who knew what, when, who was in charge" and what they did.

"'The bottom line would be: Why did they not choose the strategy that would have been best to get in there and to eliminate the killer and to rescue the children?" Abbott said. *AP*


A police officer stands near the makeshift memorial for the shooting victims outside Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, on Saturday | AFP

Police: 3 wounded in shooting in Chicago

Chicago: Three people were shot and wounded on Friday night in Chicago, authorities said. The Chicago Police Department said a man was sitting in a parked car with a woman standing by his driver side window when both were struck with gunfire at about 10.15pm in South Austin, the Chicago Sun-Times reported. The man, 34, was shot twice in the neck and taken to the hospital in critical condition, and the woman, 31, was shot in the elbow and is stable, police said. A third person, a 32-year-old man, was driving down the street when the shooting occurred and was also struck by gunfire, police said.

Lanka marks 50th day of agitation as call for prez resignation intensifies

COLOMBO

SRI LANKAN police on Saturday fired tear gas and water cannons to disperse anti-government protestors here as the ongoing agitation demanding the resignation of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa over the worst economic crisis intensified as it entered its 50th day.

Sri Lanka is near bankruptcy and has severe shortages of essentials from food, fuel, medicines and cooking gas to toilet paper and matchsticks. For months, people have been forced to stay in long lines to buy the limited stocks.

Sri Lanka's economic crisis has created political unrest with a protest occupying the entrance to the president's office demanding his resignation continuing for the past 49 days. Saturday marks the 50th day of the 'Go Rajapaksa' protest which has also seen the death of a parliamentarian. The Sri Lankan police have on occasions used force to control the unrest. "The continuous protest demanding the resignation of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has reached its 50th day today. The day is to be marked with protest marches with wider participation," the organisers said. News website newsfirst.lk reported that tear gas and water cannons were fired by police to disperse protesters near the World Trade Centre in Fort, Colombo. *PTI*

A policeman fires a tear gas canister to disperse protesters during the 50th day of anti-government protests in Colombo on Saturday | AFP

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client SMT. C.K.USHA, W/o. Sri. C.Venkatesh, aged about 56 years, residing at No.570, 2nd Main, Pipeline Road, Srinagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru is intending to purchase the property morefully described in the schedule herein below from 1) SRI. SHANKARE GOWDA @ SHANKAR.G, S/o. Gowdappa, aged about 55 years, AADHAAR No.4591-3832-2678, and 2) SMT. LAKSHMISHANKAR, W/o. Sri. Shankare Gowda, aged about 47 years, AADHAAR No.5762-5978-4404, both residing at No.1501, 9th'B' Main, 6th Cross, Srinivasa Nagar, Banashankari, Bengaluru – 560 050as they claim that they are the absolute owners in possession of the property and the same is free from all encumbrances, charges, claims or demands of whatsoever nature.

Any person/s having objection to the said transaction may lodge their objection/s supported by cogent documents with the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of this notice. If no objection/s is/are raised within the said period, my client would go ahead with the sale transaction in respect of the property below mentioned deeming there is/are no objection/s from whomsoever and of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece and parcel of all that immovable residential property bearing Site No.48, Sy/Assessment No.277, situated at HalagevaderahalliGramatana, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, now within the limits of BBMP Ward No.160 (Rajarajeshwarinagar), Halagevaderahalli, Bengaluru measuring East to West: 40 ft., North to South: 30 ft., totally measuring 1200 Sq. ft., which is bounded on:

East by : 30 feet Road;
West by : Site No.44 & 45;
North : Site No.49;
South by : Site No.47.

Mr. V.C. Chandan, Advocate,
No.48, 'Mathrushree Nilaya', 3rd Main Road, 2nd Phase, Manjunathanagar, Bengaluru - 560 010.
Contact No.91-95-9043-2299
Date: 29/05/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS our clients have entered into Agreements to purchase the immovable property bearing Municipal Khata No.1/1, PID No.70-60-1/1, Yellamma Garden, Akkithimmanahalli, Bengaluru-560 027, measuring East to West:- 52 feet, and North to South:- 40 feet, totally measuring 2,080 square feet, morefully described in the SCHEDULE PROPERTY herein, from it's owner **Sri Jagmohan Agarwal,** resident of Bangalore. Whereas it is represented to our clients by the said owner that he is the sole and absolute owner and is in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property, having a marketable title and that there are no encumbrances on the Schedule Property.

Whereas the said owner has also represented that his Vendor **Mr. Allah Bakash** had informed him that the Sale Deed dated 10/08/1981 has been lost and covenants that he or his Vendor or his predecessors in title, have not mortgaged, or created any lien or encumbered the Schedule property or any part thereof in any manner to any person/s or pledged the afore mentioned Original Sale Deed as a security for any loans / borrowings to any banks / financial institutions / third parties.

If any person is in possession of the said Sale Deed, then it is earnestly requested to inform / intimate the same to the undersigned.

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title, interest or claims in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner, shall lodge their objections and / or claims, in writing to the undersigned ***within FIFTEEN days*** from the date of this publication with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof. After the said period of FIFTEEN days, our clients will proceed to complete the sale transactions and any objections or claims received thereafter will not be binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable **property bearing Municipal Khata No.1/1, PID No.70-60-1/1, Yellamma Garden, Akkithimmanahalli, Bengaluru-560 027, Old Ward No.70, New Ward No. 117 (Shanthinagar) BBMP., measuring East to West:- 52 feet, and North to South:- 40 feet, totally measuring 2,080 square feet,** and bounded as follows:

On the **East by:** Road;
On the **West by:** Private Property;
On the **North by:** Road;
On the **South by:** Private Property.

Sd/-
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase Item No.1. of Schedule Property from **Smt.Gayathri.D** and she having purchased the same from Smt.Chikka Channamma, vide Sale Deed Dt: 17.08.1991, Regd No.2869/1991-92, Book-I, Vol 325, Pages 126-128, Sub-Registrar, Krishnarajapura, Bangalore.

My client intends to purchase Item No.2 of Schedule Property from **Sri.Shama Rao.D**, and he having purchased the same from Smt.Chikka Channamma, vide Sale Deed dated 03.07.1991, Regd No.1740/1991-92, Book-I, Vol 303, Pages 142-145, Sub-Registrar, Krishnarajapura, Bangalore.

In view of the above, any persons, Financial Institutions, Banks, Co-operative Societies and/or anybody, who have any manner of right, title, claim, interest, charge and/or any objections in whatsoever manner for intending purchase shall file their objections with documentary proof, before the undersigned within seven days from the date of publication, and if the undersigned does not receive any objections from whomsoever in whatsoever manner then it shall be presumed that the Schedule Property is free from encumbrances, claims, charges, liens, mortgages and obligations and my client shall go on with purchase.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the house built in Site No.7 & 8, Khate No.121/75/1 (Old H.A.S.B. Katha No.294/3), situated at Ward No.81, Vignananagar, Kaggadasapura K.R. Puram, Bangalore, measuring EW-80 Ft & NS-30 Ft and bounded on: **East:** Property No. 9, **West:** Road, **North:** Road, **South** : Shama Rao's Property.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the house built in Site No.15 & 16, Khate No.122/75/1 (Old H.A.S.B. Katha No.337/1, situated at Ward No.81, Vignananagar, Kaggadasapura, K.R.Puram, Bangalore, measuring EW-80 Ft & NS-30 Ft and bounded on: **East:** Property No. 14, **West:** Road, **North:** Property No. 7 & 8, **South:** Road.

T.S. VENKATESH, Advocate
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Ananda Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009.
Mob: 98440 67528

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients **Mrs. PARVEEN TAJ** W/o. Mohammed Sanaullah, aged about 38 years, Aadhaar No. 8106 0856 8851 Residing at # 19/50, 1st Main Road, Sakamma Garden, Basavangudi, Bengaluru-560004 are to intend to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owners **SRI. RANGADHAMAIAH. R** S/o. Late S. Rangappa, aged about 77 years, PAN No. AEEPR9679E, Aadhaar No. 467407519959, having acquired through the registered sale deed dated 1823/1980-81, Book-1, Volume 521,Pages 233 to 237, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore executed by R.S. Ramachandra S/o. R. Srinivasaiah. Any interested/affected person/s claiming or asserting his/her/their any kind of right, title, interest, ownership or whatsoever over the Schedule Property may be contacted at the office address given below with all respective papers pertains to the Schedule Property within **7 days** from the date of this publication. In the absence of same, my client will proceed to Purchase the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the peace and parcel of building bearing Municipal **No.23,** Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike PID No. 59-50-23, Situated at **1st Main Road, Sakamma Garden, Division No.34, Bangalore South Taluk** Situated on the plot measuring East to West 22 feet and North to South 40 feet along with RCC Building comprised Ground Floor 800 Square Feet, First Floor 800 Square Feet and Second Floor 800 Square Feet, Vitrified Flooring, Doors and windows are made of Jungle wood with water and electricity connection and other civic amenities & bounded on the:

East by : **Annaiah's House,**
West by : **Road,**
North by : **Anjanappa's House;**
South by : **Road**

Mahesha HK, Advocate
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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY
e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 08/SE/PHCK/2022-2023. JJM 2021-22-Phase-2-CWSS to Ettumanoor and adjoining village-Pipe line extension and Providing FHTC connections in various areas in Neendoor Grama Panchayat in Kottayam District. EMD: Rs. 2,00,000/-. Tender fee : Rs. 10,000+(18% GST- It will be paid by the contractor on reverse charge basis while filing his returns). Last Date for submitting Tender : **20-06-2022 03:00:pm.** Phone : 04812562745. Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in**, **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**.

KWA-JB-GL-6-276-2022-23 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kottayam

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
[Rule - 8(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002]

WHEREAS The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of erstwhile Andhra Bank, now Union Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **demand notice dated 06-12-2021** calling upon the **Borrower(s)/Guarantors: 1.Mrs.Karuna Devi Gandhiji Idapuganti,** H-101 Jewel Meadows, Gaigolupadu, Kakinada-533 003. **2.Mr Sarath Babu Maddukuri,** H-101 Jewel Meadows, Gaigolupadu, Kakinada-533 003. **3.Mrs Karunadevi Gandhiji Idupuganti,** W/o Sarat Babu Maddukuri, Flat No.309/III Floor, G.K.Ramaiah Residency/Pappulamill Centre, Tadigadapa Donka Road, Yanamalakuduru-520007; Vijayawada Rural, Krishna Dt., AP. **4.Mr Sarath Babu Maddukuri,** S/o (late) Chandra Mouli, Rajampalem (Village)-534318, Dondapudi (Post), Gopalapuram (Mandal), W.G.Dist., AP to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being a sum of **Rs.27,53,968.34 Ps.** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Eight and paise Thirty Four only) within sixty days from the date of receipt of the said notice together with Subsequent interest, cost, charges and expenses incurred by the bank.

The borrower(s) as well as guarantor(s) having failed to repay the full amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 **on this 24th day of May, 2022.**

The borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **erstwhile Andhra Bank, now Union Bank of India** for the amounts due from the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Primary/Collateral Security: E.M. of Flat No.017, (admeasuring 1135 sq.feet of super built area , alongwith 304 Sq.Ft Undivide share right,title and interest in the land comprised with parking space/slot in basement) in Ground Floor in the Multi-storeyed Apartment "SIGMA", constructed on the land Sy.No.21/2A and 22/1A, Situated at Gollahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District {converted for non-agrl residential purpose vide order bearing No.ALN(A)(K&A) SR 395/2007-08 passed by The Spl.Dy.Commissioner (Rev) Banglaore. Registered in the name of Mrs Karuna Devi G Idapuganti & Mr Sarath Babu Maddukuri vide **Doc.No.BNG(U)BSK 14000/2014-15 dt: 21.02.2015. Boundaries of the site: East :** Private Property, **West :** N.Ramakrishnas Property, **North :** Road, **South :** Private Property.

Date : 24-05-2022
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
UNION BANK OF INDIA
Madhavanagar Branch

BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD
CORRIGENDUM TO TENDER NOTICE NO. - PR 90/2022

With reference to Short Tender Notice No.- PR 90/2022 issued in various Newspapers on **21st May 2022** for "**Operational & Maintenance Support for Online Facilitation System for Students (OFSS)**", changes have been made in Scope of Work, Eligibility Criteria & Bid Documents. The updated Tender document may be referred over e-procurement website **https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in**

Secretary

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.27,20,557/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Twenty Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Seven only)** as on **19-01-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **20-01-2022** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Kabbalamma Enterprises and Travels, No.3, Kodipalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore - 560060. 2) Mr. K.B. Jayakumara, S/o.Mr. Bhagiratha, Kailancha Hobli, Lakkajanahalli Post, Kandanakuppe, Ramanagara - 562159. 3) Mrs. Deepashree, W/o. Mr. K.B. Jayakumara, Kailancha Hobli, Lakkajanahalli Post, Kandanakuppe, Ramanagara - 562159. 4) Mrs. Ramadevi, W/o. Mr. Manjunath, No.13, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main Road, Pantrapalya, Nayandahalli, Bangalore - 560039.**

Note : 1) That our **198-Bengaluru - Ramanagara Branch** has also extended financial assistance **(CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR:501812080062511)** dated **30-03-2020** requested by No.1 of you represented by No. 2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos.2 & 3 of you stood as Co-obligants and No. 4 of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.2,15,000/-** at a ROI of **16.25%** The same has been also classified as **NPA on 30-11-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **19-01-2022** is **Rs.2,94,442/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **20-01-2022** till the date of realization.

2) That our **198-Bengaluru - Ramanagara Branch** has also extended financial assistance **(CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080059625)** dated **30-12-2019** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos.2 & 3 of you stood as Co-obligants and No.4 of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.2,10,000/-** at a ROI of **16.25%** The same has been also classified as **NPA on 30-11-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **19-01-2022** is **Rs.2,89,568/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **20-01-2022** till the date of realization.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mrs. Ramadevi, W/o. Mr. Manjunath)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing Old Municipal Khatha No.43/3/1, New Municipal No.13, PID 39-15-13 measuring East to West 28 feet and North to South 40 feet together with 1,120 Sq.feet situated at Chandra Lay-out, 2nd Main Road, Nayandahalli, Bangalore. Bounded on the East by : Passage belonging to applicant's father and Property belonging to Gramathana, West by : Private Property, North by : Nayandahalli Road, South by : House and Vacant Site of Byrappa.

Reserve Price : Rs.75,00,000/-
(Rupees Seventy Five Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
18-06-2022	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch,** B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bangalore-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bangalore - Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 02.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No. 9379511195. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **03.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the Sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 27-05-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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PUBLICATION - DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 - Sent on **04-05-2022** by Registered Post with acknowledgement due and the same was **returned by All.** Hence this,

No.1) M/s. The Kitchen, No.10/A, Madhu Nivas,1st Floor, 8th Cross, 5th Main, Malleshpalya, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore - 560075. No.2) Mr. Suresh Devadiga, S/o. Gopal Devadiga, No.10/A, Madhu Nivas,1st Floor, 8th Cross, 5th Main, Malleshpalya, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore - 560075. No.3) Mrs. Shwetha Devadiga, W/o. Suresh Devadiga, No.10/A, Madhu Nivas,1st Floor, 8th Cross, 5th Main, Malleshpalya, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore - 560075.

Dear Sir/ Madam

Sub: Loan account / Overdraft with **City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Vijay Nagar Branch** in the name of **M/s. The Kitchen.**

The Bank issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on **04-05-2022** calling upon Nos.1 to 3 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 512120020013017 is **Rs.1,23,56,589/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Three Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Nine Only),** Nos.1 to 3 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 501812080028622 is **Rs.22,31,837/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven Only)** and Nos.1 to 3 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 501812080065112 is **Rs.29,22,101/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Twenty Two Thousand One Hundred and One Only)** as on **20-04-2022** with further interest for 501812080028622 at **12.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 501812080065112 at **9.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 512120020013017 at **12.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 512120020013017 at **12.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a (not compounded) with monthly rests from **21-04-2022** till the date of repayment. The notice sent to you by Registered Post have been **returned by all.**

Therefore, we hereby once again call upon Nos.1 to 3 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 512120020013017 is **Rs.1,23,56,589/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Three Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Nine Only),** Nos.1 to 3 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 501812080028622 is **Rs.22,31,837/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven Only)** and Nos.1 to 3 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 501812080065112 is **Rs.29,22,101/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Twenty Two Thousand One Hundred and One Only)** with further interest for 501812080028622 at **12.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 501812080065112 at **9.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 512120020013017 at **12.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 512120020013017 at **12.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a (not compounded) with monthly rests from **21-04-2022** till the date of repayment within **60** days from the date of this notice failing which Bank will be Constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder. This Notice is published/issued without prejudice to any other right/remedy available to the Bank.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A
(Property Owned by Mr. Suresh Devadiga, S/o. Gopal Devadiga)

All that piece and parcel of Converted Land in Sy.No.199-1, SD No.17 situated at Padumarnadu Village, Mangalore Taluk, South Kannada District within the limits of Padumarnadu Grama Panchayath. Measuring : Converted Property 40 Cents and bounded on : East by : Same Number Property, West by : Same Property belonging to Sri Yashodara Devadiga, North by : Same Survey Number Property, South by : Same Survey Number Property, Registered as Document No.1998/2013 - 14 at SRO, Mudabidre.

Movables hypothecated to our Bank
Schedule - B

Industrial Gas Stove (2 Burner), Hot Plate (Size 4 x 3 feet), Deep Oil Fryer, Industrial Stainless Steel Kitchen Hood with Ducting and Exhaust (2 HP), 4 Door Horizontal Refrigerator, Grinder, Dish Washer, Stainless Steel Vegetable Cutting Table 2, Stainless Steel Vegetable Storage Racks, Industrial RO Water Purifier, Gas Bank and Pipeline, Stainless Steel Service Table, Deep Freezer, Atta Mixer, 3 Sink Unit 304 Grade, Steam Boiler, Chapathi Tawa, Steel Batter Stand (6 Vessels). All Items Stored at No.10/A, 1st Floor, 8th Cross, 5th Main, Malleshpalya, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore - 560075.

Schedule - C

Dosa Tawa, Steel Batter, Stand (6 Vessels), Industrial Steam Boiler, Grinder 2, Pulverizer, Stainless Steel Working Table 3, Stainless Steel Service Table 4 Door, Horizontal Refrigerator Stainless Steel Storage Shelves 4, Dish Washer, Wash Basin Table type with Water Tap (3 Sink) 2, Chapathi Tawa, Industrial RO Water Purifier, Deep Freezer, Industrial Gas Stove (2 Burner) 2, Industrial Stainless Steel Kitchen hood with Ducting and Exhaust (2 HP), Gas bank and Pipeline. All items Stored at No.10/A, 1st Floor, 8th Cross, 5th Main, Malleshpalya, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore - 560075.

Schedule - D

Tilting Wet Grinding Machine 10 Ltr., Tilting Wet Grinding Machine 5 Ltr., Heavy Duty Mixer, Wall Shelves (4 Shelves) 4, 4 Door Vertical Freezer, Working Table 4, 3 Sink unit 304 Grade, Dosa Stand with SS Plate, Dosa Supporting Table 6 Hole (with Vessels), Chapathi Stand with SS Plate, 2 Burner Coocking Range 2, Storage Rack 4, Big Single Sink, Gas bank and Pipeline, Exhaust hood with Filter, 2 HP, 3 phase Blowair, Axial Flowfan, SS Ducting, Steam Boiler Set, SS Idly Coocker, Industrial RO Water Purifier, Water Tank Double Tap with Bottom Shelf, Service Counter (7 feet), Deep Freezer, Industrial Dish Washer, Electrical Induction Stove, Electrical Fat Fryer (15 Ltr.) All Items Stored at No.10/A, 1st Floor, 8th Cross, 5th Main, Malleshpalya, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore - 560075.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 26-05-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

₹1,192 CR Standalone net profit Mahindra & Mahindra reported on Saturday for quarter ended March 31, 2022, which is nearly five-fold jump. The company had posted a net profit of ₹245 crore for the year-ago period, it said in a statement.

NEWSCOPE

PUBLIC SECTOR SELL-OFFS FLOUNDER ON SCAMS, LACK OF WILL

GURBIR SINGH

THE Union government has called off its privatisation process for high-profile Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) following 2 of the 3 bidders backing out. The remaining bid stands cancelled and the disinvestment process will have to be restarted.

Earlier, the privatisation of two other government-owned companies – Pawan Hans and Central Electronics (CEL) – had to be shelved because of a plethora of allegations of undervaluation and other bidding violations.

Privatisation, or the more politically-neutral 'disinvestment', of state-run units has been long seen as a tool to rid the government of unretrievable, loss-making companies. It is also a way to sell government equity to lower *sarkari* debt. However, the hattrick of missed disinvestment targets over the last 3 years is a telling commentary on a floundering programme.

Missed targets

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's budget for FY 2022-23 avoided discussion on privatisation, and scaled back the disinvestment target to a modest ₹65,000 crore from a high of ₹1.75 lakh crore in the previous year's budget.

This year, LIC's IPO has raised for the government ₹20,560 crore, or nearly one-third of the disinvestment target for FY2023. The total raised so far is ₹23,575 crore, according to the government's Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM). The line-up this year is: BPCL, Central Electronics, Pawan Hans, Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), Bharat Earth Movers (BEML),Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), IDBI and a couple of banks. Of these, BPCL, CEL and Pawan Hans are stalled.

CONCOR, Shipping Corporation and BEML meanwhile are caught up in circles on how to spin off their property assets before privatisation. In this context, the modest ₹65,000 crore disinvestment target for the current financial year looks difficult.

The previous year's disinvestment target was missed by a huge margin. Total receipts stood at just ₹13,561 crore on March 31, 2022, against the original budgeted target of ₹1.75 lakh crore.The disinvestment target for 2020-21, a whopping ₹2.1 lakh crore announced by the finance minister, went the same way with just ₹17,900 crore raised – or just 8.5% of target.

The common villain – the Coronavirus pandemic – expectedly must have slowed up the sale process, but if one examines the disinvestment process since 2001, the trend of underperformance is clearly discernible.

Charges of undervaluation

The slow disinvestment process has also been dogged by charges of undervaluation and favouritism. In recent days, Pawan Hans' transfer of assets had to be shelved after the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) passed strictures against the largest of shareholder of the winning consortium, Almas Global, for not honouring its funding commitment to refloat another company under the Bankruptcy Code. The consortium that 'won' Pawan Hans – the Star9Mobility Pvt Ltd – also did not meet the minimum net worth criteria of ₹300 crore.

In another case, the government put on hold this January the letter of intent in favour of Nadal Finance & Leasing Company for the 100% sale of Central Electronics Ltd (CEL) for ₹210 crore. This was to allow a relook at the valuation after the CEL employees union raised charges of financial impropriety.

Spin-off benefits for bureaucrats and politicians are part of the unwritten code, as a deeper examination of these cases will show. However, privatisation means systemic undervaluation, and that is perhaps the price the nation has to pay for years of malfeasance by some PSUs. In the recent case of Air India's sell-off, it was only after 5-6 failed attempts and a persistent lack of interest that the Tata Group picked up the airline for ₹18,000 crore.

It was an undervalued price by a long shot going by the Union government having to settle ₹61,000 crore of Air India's piled-up debt before the handover. But that is perhaps why the government managed to shed the loss-making airline.

Finally, if we thought that the changeover from a centrist Congress-led government to a more right-wing Narendra Modi regime would see a more determined disinvestment policy, we have been proved wrong. Margaret Thacher's clarion call that government had no business to be in business was implemented brutally by the Iron Lady in the 1980s with 670 British state-run enterprises transferred to private ownership. In India, Prime Miniter Modi did repeat the 'clarion call' but it has remained largely on paper.

On the ground, the public sector is a huge power base of influence and economic control and the present regime is not in a hurry to give it up. 'Disinvestment' of driblets of equity, which allows the government to raise much-needed funds without losing control of the unit, is the preferred route typified by the recent LIC IPO. Complete sell-off or 'privatisation' is on the agenda too, but only for those companies, which have sunk beyond hope for a turnaround.

Looking at the last two decades, the disinvestment path has been so layered with lack of will and questionable practices, that there is little chance of success.

AIR INDIA SELL-OFF TO TATA GROUP

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Will Grasim's entry end Asian Paints dominance?

Experts go as far as calling the Grasim's entry a 'Jio moment'

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

ADITYA BIRLA GROUP firm Grasim's aggressive expansion into the paint business is touted as the next-big thing in the industry, with experts going as far as calling it a 'Jio moment'.

Analysts at research and brokerage firm Jefferies India said Grasim may go for an aggressive strategy (pricing or otherwise) and disturb the market structure, which may have a greater impact on smaller players, but Asian Paints, the current market leader, may also be at risk. "This is the reminiscent of Jio's foray into the telecom industry, with significant capacity additions, which ultimately resulted in lower industry tariffs," said Jefferies in a report earlier this week.

Jay Gandhi, institutional research analyst at HDFC Securities, feels Grasim's plans will impact the number 2 and number 3 players. He, however, believes it would be difficult for a new player to shake up Asian Paints' dominant position, especially the widespread dealership network it has.

"Grasim's big Ultratech network, though different from a paint dealership, can play an important role in denting the market share of the number 2 and number 3 players," said Gandhi. On the impact of Grasim's entry on Asian Paints, he said, "What is likely to affect Asian Paints is incremental growth. 75% of the decorative paint business is organised, in which Asian Paints enjoys 53-54% share. Everyone is eyeing to capture the remaining 25% and entry of a deep pocketed player means slowing down growth for existing players."

According to industry estimates, currently paint industry in India is worth over ₹62,000 crore ($8 bn), and is one of the fastest-growing paint economies with a double-digit growth over the past 2 decades. The decorative paint category accounts for nearly 75% of the overall market, while the industrial paint category accounts for the remaining 25%. Even as this sector has many players, the big four – Asian Paints, Berger Paints, Kansai Nerolac, and Akzo Nobel India – have formed an oligopolistic structure, with Asian Paints emerging as a strong leader.

The industry is notorious for having high entry barriers and failure of big global names in the past shows it is a difficult task for a new player to gain scalability, have an efficient inventory management in place and strong dealership foothold. Besides, external factors such as crude prices (accounts for 50% of raw materials), inflation and performance of client industries have noticable impact on the sector.

This, however, hasn't stopped new players from entering this fast-growing space, be it JSW Group or Grasim. The latter on Tuesday said it has doubled the Capex for its foray into the paints business to ₹10,000 crore and expects to start production from the fourth quarter of 2023-24. In August last year, Grasim Industries' board had approved a ₹5,000 crore capital expenditure (CAPEX) plan to set up a paints business. Market dynamics of the sector have changed with new capacities being announced, backed by strong growth and outlook, said Grasim, adding that it has accelerated the execution of its capacity of 1,332 million litre of paints per annum (mlpa) with the commissioning of plants by Q4FY24. According to Jefferies, "The 1.3-bn-litre capacity expansion outlook for Grasim is meaningful and comparable to 1.7 bn litre capacity for Asian Paints and much higher versus smaller peers like Berger (0.7 bn litres) and Kansai Nerolac (0.6 bn litres)."

Since Grasim's announcement, share prices of Asian Paints and Berger Paints have come under pressure, falling 9-10% each in past 5 sessions.

Gandhi said the market was looking for a catalyst to punish the stock (Asian Paints) as it was expensive. This (Grasim's announcement) is the catalyst for valuation correction, he added. Brokerage firm ICICI Securities gave REDUCE rating to Berger Paints. "In 4QFY22, Berger's revenue growth of 8% YoY was lower than Asian Paints (+18.4%) and Indigo (+13.4%). Berger has lost some market share with likely mid-high single digit volume decline, in our opinion."

"Apart from competition from larger players, North India based regional players like Sirca Paints and Kamdhenu have strengthened product line and distribution...With a likely rise in competitive intensity with entry of Grasim, JK Cements and Astral Poly, likely turnaround of Akzo, the paint firms operating largely in value-for-money products are likely to be more impacted."

In 4QFY22, Berger's revenue growth of 8% YoY was lower than Asian Paints (18.4%) and Indigo (13.4%). Berger has lost some market share

Brokerage firm ICICI Securities

HIGHLIGHTS

- According to govt data, in 2020, nearly **1.16 million** cases of cyberattacks were reported. This was 20 times more compared to 2016
- Japan, Australia and India were the most-attacked countries in Asia
- New IBM global analysis report says financial services & manufacturing were the top attacked industries in Asia, representing nearly 60% of attacks studied
- Ransomware was the dominant attack type against organisations in India, with Sodinokibi and BitLocker ransomware groups accounting most of these attacks
- The cyber security market in India was valued at nearly **₹14,000 crore** in 2019

Cybersecurity: Companies brace for more cyber attacks

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

MANY organisations, irrespective of size, transformed their operations to facilitate remote work during the pandemic period. Though a few firms across sectors are back to routine-work from office- many firms still follow and support remote working. Of many challenges that these companies face, the critical one is security threats.

Companies across sectors are now focusing on cybersecurity, as there is greater exposure to risk due to remote working. Deloitte points out the fact that 47% of individuals fall for a phishing scam while working at home.

Recently, Cisco's Duo launched its first data centre in India to help bolster security. A Cisco survey says that 37% of cybersecurity technologies that are used by firms in India are considered outdated by their security leaders. In March this year, Google announced the acquisition of cybersecurity company Mandiant.

Subhalakshmi Ganapathy, Product Evangelist, IT Security, at ManageEngine says a data security incident can also result in an attacker breaching the security perimeter and gaining access to the network's internal components.

She suggests, to address these issues, organisations can reset passwords for all stolen accounts, enable mandatory 2FA (two-factor authentication) for all account logins and back-up all important data and files. According to IBM Security X-Force Threat Intelligence Index 2022, India is among the top three most targeted countries in Asia, and Ransomware was the dominant attack type against organisations in India. IBM also announced a multi-million-dollar investment in its resources to help businesses prepare for and manage the growing threat of cyberattacks to organisations across the Asia Pacific region.

Most Indian organisations are uncertain if they can recover from a ransomware attack and the situation is likely more dire than earlier, given that enterprises globally are managing more than 10 times the amount of data they did five years ago, says Ripu Bajwa, Director and General Manager, Data Protection Solutions, Dell Technologies, India.

"It has also been found that cybercrime will cost the world $10.5 trillion annually by 2025," Bajwa adds.

Dell Technologies 2021 Global Data Protection Index (GDPI) findings revealed that organisations were facing several data protection challenges driven by the constant threat of ransomware and the consumption of emerging technologies such as cloud and AI.

"India is taking bold steps in regards to cyber security and data security. These bold steps are reflected in new government policies and decisions from the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team- CERT-In for reporting data breach and others," says Darshit Ashara, principal threat researcher, CloudSEK, a cybersecurity start-up. Compromising data through novel attacks is inevitable, but you can add as many hurdles and trip alarms to be a step ahead, he adds.

Regular password checks

Ripu Bajwa says organisations need to consider a strategy, which will enable them to realise their progress in the ever-evolving IT landscape with solutions that help protect traditional and modern workloads with a singular approach. To be in a better position to safeguard their data against threats, they will need to keep data security at the centre of their decisions.

"Incorporating the need to change passcodes as a part of the businesses' security policy can help cut the risk of continuous cyber attacks. Additionally, using a multi-factor authenticator and advising staff to set strong passwords adds to the layers of protection," Bajwa adds. Apart from these, shifting to the cloud for storing all confidential information can enable firms to protect and manage their data better.

Business & Beyond

UCO Bank enters into agreement with Paisalo Digital Limited for Co-lending arrangement

UCO Bank, a public sector bank and Paisalo Digital Limited, a systemically important New Delhi-based non-deposit taking NBFC, today announced they have signed co-lending agreement for Agriculture Business . This arrangement will provide access to borrowers for income generation under Agriculture allied segment. Co-lending is an emerging area in the Priority Sector financing and due focus is given by the Government of India to help Agriculture and other small borrowers.

Heavy Ind. Minister lays foundation for toilet

Varanasi: Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Hon'ble Union Minister of Heavy Industries has laid the foundation stone of toilet complexes at twelve locations in Varanasi and Chandauli. The complexes are being built with the support of BHEL as part of its CSR program. Sh. Upinder Singh Matharu, Director (Power) & Director (HR) – Addl. Charge, Sh. Manish Kapoor, Independent Director and senior officials of BHEL and Sulabh International were present on this occasion.

23rd mines, environment and mineral conservation week concludes

Bhubaneswar: The 23rd Mines, Environment and Mineral Conservation week concluded today. Sridhar Patra, Chairman & MD, NALCO, graced the concluding day as chief guest. P.N.Sharma, Chief Controller of Mines (I/c) MDR,IBM, B.K. Das, Director (Production), NALCO, Dr Y.G.Kale, Controller of Mines (East Zone), IBM, B.L.Gurjar, Regional Controller of Mines, IBM, Bhubaneswar Region were also present.

Sarbananda Sonowal advocates for Ecologically responsible growth

Guwahati, 28 May, 2022: The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal advocated for an ecologically responsible economic growth in the South east Asian region. The Minister was speaking at the Special Plenary session in the 3rd edition of NADI dialogue organised by Asian Confluence here today. The Union Minister highlighted the time tested and historical ties that the Northeast India has built with the South east Asian countries along with Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh. The maritime routes via Ganga, Brahmaputra and Mekong have always played a pivotal role in building an economic rationale for the region to grow apart from other socio-cultural influences.

SAIL launches Swarna Jayanti story writing competition

New Delhi, 27th May, 2022: Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), formed on 24th January, 1973, is celebrating its 50th year of incorporation. Mirroring the spirit of the occasion and as part of the various activities planned to commemorate SAIL Swarna Jayanti, the company has launched a story writing competition. The theme of this bilingual competition is 'SAIL's contribution in Nation building in the last five decades. This open to all competition aims to encourage the participants to showcase their creativity and writing skills. It is an opportunity to write story on SAIL's role in nation building and society in the last five decades.

Pudumjee Paper Products FY22 PBT up 33%

Pudumjee Paper Products (PPPL) has reported encouraging results for the year ended 31stMarch, 2022. During the year ended 31stMarch, 2022, the Company produced 50420 MT of paper, a 15% rise over 43997 MT produced during the previous year.The Turnover for the year rose by about 27% to Rs.55526 lacs (Last year Rs.43688lacs), and inspite of nearly 25% rise in certain input costs,it succeeded in maintaining EBIDTA at Rs. 7576 lacs (Rs.7602 lacs).Total Profit Before Tax for the year ended 31st March, 2022 showed a rise of 33% and stood at Rs.4600lacs (Rs.3470lacs). Profit after Tax for the year stood at Rs.3453 lacs (Rs.3003 lacs). The company manufactures specialty papers required as input for packaging,various food products, pharmaceutical and other products,hospital supplies, hygiene sectors, food, confectionary etc.

Home hero Leclerc to start from pole in Monaco GP

Charles Leclerc of Ferrari claimed pole position for the Monaco Grand Prix on Saturday. Leclerc's teammate Carlos Sainz claimed the second spot. Red Bull's Sergio Perez was third. With 30 seconds remaining, the session was red flagged after Perez lost control and Sainz, who was just behind, collided with him. Max Verstappen, championship leader, will start from fourth.

DAVID'S GOLIATH HAND

SA batter has been a game-changer for Titans this season & will be keen to finish on a high

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

WHEN the curtains came down on the auction, one team got a lot of curious glances. Surely, that isn't the best use of money? Where are the match-winners? Their batting lacks the requisite muscle. Is their captain even fit? This could be a long, hard season. Those were the exact reactions when Rajasthan Royals played their first match in 2008.

Those were also some of the thoughts doing the rounds when Gujarat Titans made their IPL debut less than two months ago. History will surely repeat itself if the Titans can script their own underdog story to match the one penned by Royals 14 summers ago.

Among all the unlikely match-winners that Gujarat acquired, David Miller was the one that stood out. At 32, he was almost a veteran. He has played over 225 games for South Africa and, coming into the auction, had completed a decade in the IPL. During that time, the South African had felt all possible emotions from love to being unwanted. What's more, 'Killer Miller' was used to mock him. In the five years from 2017, he played 28 games, scored 494 runs at a strike rate of just over 117 while averaging 17.6. Unsexy. It wasn't a surprise when he went unsold on the first day of the two-day auctions. On day two, Titans needed an overseas batter.

As Titans had spent lots of money on the bowlers, Miller would be an automatic choice in a slightly undercooked top-order. Out of the ₹52cr they had at the auction, they went big on a new-ball specialist (Mohammed Shami for ₹6.25 cr), an enforcer (Lockie Ferguson ₹10 cr) and an all-rounder (Rahul Tewatia ₹9 cr). Even if the spine was set, they needed Miller, who was picked up for ₹3 cr, to be that all important finisher. That in itself was a game-changer. In his recent previous IPL assignments, there were substitutes for him. So a couple of failures meant he could potentially become the water-carrier.

This year? He would not only be the main overseas finisher, he would be the only overseas player in the top six filling out one primary role — batting — and no secondary role. The job security was instant. "It was important to give him the importance, give him that love and give him the clarity as to what we expect from him," Hardik Pandya had said of Miller after Qualifier 1 after he had deposited Prasidh Krishna for three sixes in the 20th over to help them win. "A lot of people counted David Miller out but for us he was always a match-winner... And it kind of shows if you show love and importance to an individual player, he can flourish and how."

Miller himself has felt that warmth of being wanted. "I have been backed all the way. Playing all the games allows a player to settle down and really not worry about selection. I am loving being part of this successful team," he said in an interaction before the final.

To Miller's credit, he has added spin hitting to his resume. It shows in the numbers. He averages almost a 100 while striking at 144 against them. Save for Jos Buttler, no cricketer has these numbers in 2022. His consistency — his average of 64.14 is the best this season — shows two things. He remains not out (eight from 15) and he almost always makes a contribution (yet to be dismissed for single figures this year).

The southpaw first burst into Indian households after his unbeaten 101 for Kings XI Punjab in 2013. Post that match, he said that now iconic line, 'if it's in the V, it's in the tree and if it's in the arc, it's out of the park' when asked his batting mantra (it was something his father, Andrew, instilled in him). Almost a decade and some doubts later, the South African has recalibrated that mantra.

It's always out of the park irrespective of whether it's in the arc or not.

THE END GAME

The day is finally here as Gujarat Titans and Rajasthan Royals put up one final fight for the IPL 2022 title in Ahmedabad on Sunday. A look...

BUTTLER VERSUS RASHID

There are quite a few intrinsic battles in the contest, but the most significant of all would be the one between Jos Buttler and Rashid Khan. The way these two superstars go about their business and how they counter each other could potentially be one of the deciding factors in the clash.

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Jos Buttler needs 150 runs to surpass Virat Kohli and become the highest runscorer in a season in the history of the IPL.

MOMENTUM WITH MILLER

One of the biggest strengths of Titans this year has been the performance of David Miller. 449 runs at the strike rate of 141.19 while batting at No 5 or lower is an incredible record to have. Can he do one more as he did in Qualifier 1 to help Gujarat lift the title in their first year?

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Yuzvendra Chahal is the joint-highest wicket-taker this season along with Wanindu Hasaranga of RCB.

PRESSURE ON CHAHAL, ASHWIN

As Shubman Gill took the attack to R Ashwin in their previous encounter, it put RR on the backfoot and they hardly recovered from that through the course of the match. 72 runs in 8 overs without any wickets between Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal is not the kind of performance that would help RR. And they would be hoping that the spin duo comes back stronger against a familiar opponent on the big day.

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS FROM 8 PM IN AHMEDABAD

Russia's Daniil Medvedev in action against Miomir Kecmanovic of Serbia on Saturday | AP

I wanted to play really aggressively but sometimes I felt I was hitting with too much power and it was hard to control. I needed to play with a little less risk and be more consistent.

Iga Swiatek, reflecting on her match against Danka Kovinic on Saturday

SELECT RESULTS (ROUND 3)

Men: Andrey Rublev (x7) bt Christian Garin (CHI) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (11); Jannik Sinner (ITA x11) bt Mackenzie McDonald (USA) 6-3, 7-6 (6), 6-3; Daniil Medvedev (RUS x2) bt Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB x28) 6-2, 6-4, 6-2. Stefanos Tsitsipas bt Mikael Ymer 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

Women: Iga Swiatek (POL x1) bt Danka Kovinic (MNE) 6-3, 7-5; Zheng Qinwen (CHN) bt Alize Cornet (FRA) 6-0, 3-0 - retired; Irina-Camelia Begu (ROM) bt Leolia Jeanjean (FRA) 6-1, 6-4; Daria Kasatkina (x20) bt Shelby Rogers (USA) 6-3, 6-2.

SUNDAY'S TIES (SELECT, 4THRD)

Men: Novak Djokovic vs Diego Schwartzman, Felix Auger-Aliassime vs Rafael Nadal, Karen Khachanov vs Carlos Alcaraz

Women: Leylah Fernandez vs Amanda Anisimova, Elise Mertens vs Coco Gauff

Bopanna, Middelkoop advance

Rohan Bopanna and Matwe Middelkoop saved five match points to knock out Mate Pavic and Nikol Mektic, the reigning Wimbledon champions. A break of serve early in the third set put them at a disadvantageous position but there was no dearth of spirit or class from Bopanna and Middelkoop, who eventually prevailed 6-7 (5), 7-6 (3), 7-6 (10) in two hours and 32 minutes.

31 & counting for Swiatek, in last 16

AFP @ Paris

WORLD NO 1 Iga Swiatek racked up her 31st straight win to reach the French Open last 16 on Saturday as Daniil Medvedev, World No 2 in men's singles, eased into the fourth round with straight game victory. Spanish third seed Paula Badosa retired from her third round match through injury, Swiatek as the only top 10 seed left in the tournament. Badosa was trailing Russia's Veronika Kudermetova 6-3, 2-1 when she quit.

Swiatek, the 2020 champion in Paris, dropped serve three times against 95th-ranked Danka Kovinic of Montenegro before sealing a 6-3, 7-5 victory. Kovinic recovered from 1-4 down in the second set to lead 5-4 but the Pole steadied with a hold and a break before serving out for victory. Swiatek will face Chinese teenager Zheng Qinwen, making her debut in Paris, who got past France's Alize Cornet. The latter called it quits while trailing her 19-year-opponent 6-0, 3-0. "I wanted to play really aggressively but sometimes I felt I was hitting with too much power and it was hard to control," said Swiatek. "I needed to play with a little less risk and be more consistent. She did a pretty good job of defending and giving back at full speed." Swiatek's winning streak is the best on tour since Serena Williams's run of 34 successive wins in 2013.

Medvedev took 1 hour, 48 minutes to beat Serbian 28th seed Miomir Kecmanovic 6-2, 6-4, 6-2. The Russian star, a quarterfinalist in 2021, will play former US Open champion Marin Cilic or 37-year-old Frenchman Gilles Simon for a place in the last eight.

In early action, Mackenzie McDonald, the 60th-ranked American, slipped to defeat to Italian 11th seed Jannik Sinner after managing to squander 11 set points in the second set.

Sinner triumphed 6-3, 7-6 (6), 6-3 and will face seventh-seeded Andrey Rublev for a last eight spot. Rublev defeated Chile's Cristian Garin 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (11).

TN and Karnataka surfers impress

AGENCIES @ Mangalore

A BEAUTIFUL morning and tempting waves welcomed surfers on the second day of the 3rd edition of Indian Open of Surfing, at the tranquil Panambur beach in Mangalore. The three-day premier surfing competition of India is the official national championship of the Surfing Federation of India.

Goa's Sugar Banarse, 16, impressed all the judges with her surfing, garnering the highest points amongst the women who made it to the finals scheduled for Sunday. Karnataka's Ishita Malviya (6.17) and Sinchana Gowda (7.30), along with Sugar (11.27) and Tamil Nadu's Srishthi Selvam (10.37), advanced to the finals of the women's open surf category. Sugar will also compete in the finals of the groms (16 & under) girls' surf category on Sunday.

TN's Kishore Kumar topped the semifinals of the groms boys' (U-16) category

"I'm happy to make it to the finals, but I am competing against experienced surfers and the defending champion Srishti Selvam," Sugar said.

In the semifinals of the groms boys' (U-16) category, it was a clean sweep by Tamil Nadu surfers, with Kishore Kumar leading the race by a huge margin. Kishore emerged with the highest marks in the competition on the day. His 15.50 points from the judges was a testimony to the fact of his impressive surfing and maneuvers that also included a reverse flip, thereby helping him comfortably secure a spot in the finals on Sunday. The rest who have made it to the finals are Tayin Arun (11.10), Naveenkumar R (10.17) & Jeevan S (6.46).

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Rajiv, Senthil collect 7 points for Honda Racing

SEPANG (MALAYSIA): Honda Racing India Team's Rajiv Sethu and Senthil Kumar finished 12th and 13th, respectively, in the first race of Round 2 FIM Asia Road Racing Championships (ARRC) to collect seven points at the Sepang International Circuit here on Saturday. Starting 16th on the grid, Rajiv finished with a timing of 20:12.398s. Senthil, too, showcased his full power to finish the race one spot behind Rajiv.

Chelsea sale to be completed on Monday

LONDON: Chelsea said that the sale of the Premier League club to a consortium led by Todd Boehly, the co-owner of baseball's Los Angeles Dodgers, is expected to be done by Monday. The British government and the Premier League have approved the £4.25 billion takeover. Chelsea were put on the market in March, days before owner Roman Abramovich was sanctioned by the British government following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Shuttler Unnati set for Khelo India Youth Games

CHANDIGARH: Rohtak in Haryana is all about grappling. But budding athlete Unnati Hooda, who recently burst on to the badminton horizon, has given the city a different star with her smashes, drop shots, crisp returns and slick net-play. Come June 3, she will be one of the names to watch out for at the Khelo India Youth Games.

India beat Japan 2-1

ENS @ Chennai

INDIA played one of their best games of the Asia Cup to beat Japan 2-1 in their opening match of the Super4 stage. The win has enabled them to top the four team second group stage of the competition with two further matches to come against South Korea and Malaysia. Beat either of those two teams and it's likely that the young side, picked to get some tournament experience to see who can be fast-tracked into the senior side, will be featuring in the final of the tournament.

ASIA CUP

The most pleasing aspect of Saturday's win was that it came against Japan, one of the best side's remaining in the tournament. High on confidence as they had one of their all three group stages games in the first phase of the competition, they were expected to beat India again — they had beaten India 5-2 less than a week ago.

However, India had seemingly learned their lessons from that defeat. They were much more compact in defence, were clinical in front of goal and didn't allow the Japan forwards what they like most: running in behind the last man stretching the play. India next take on Malaysia, who drew against South Korea, on Sunday.

Saturday's results: Pakistan **5-2** Oman, Malaysia **2-2** South Korea, India **2-1** Japan.

Sunday's games: Bangladesh vs Indonesia, Japan vs South Korea, India vs Malaysia.

Dottin leads Supernovas to third title in a thrilling final

GOMESH S @ Chennai

IT'S no secret that short-pitched deliveries are not Shafali Verma's favourite. Which is why, when Mansi Joshi started around the wicket, trying to attack the swashbuckling opener's body, the idea wasn't all that bad. But as the pacer struggled to find her line right, Velocity were off to a flyer against Supernovas in the final of the Women's T20 Challenge in Pune. 17 runs in the first over, 11 in the second off Sophie Ecclestone, meant Velocity were 28/0 after two overs, chasing 166.

Supernovas' Deandra Dottin scored an impressive 62 off 44 balls and took 2/28 with the ball against Velocity in the final on Saturday | SPORTZPICS

Enter Deandra Dottin. It's hard to forget her last over heroics with the ball in the World Cup opener against New Zealand a few months ago. But she had a great tournament up until the final. Come the big day, the West Indies all-rounder stepped up, smashing a 44-ball 62 to set up the innings for the Supernovas. Taking confidence from her batting, Dottin followed up on Joshi's plans, coming around the wicket to Shafali. She started with a wide, but soon got the length right, squaring up the opener into an awkward position without any sort of width as Shafali edged one to the keeper. What Mansi Joshi intended, Dottin had executed to perfection.

Harmanpreet Kaur persisted with Ecclestone at the other end and she delivered the wicket of Yastika Bhatia. Dottin, meanwhile, continued to hit the deck hard against Kiran Navgire, who was promoted ahead of Laura Wolvaardt. The West Indian kept the attacking batter at bay, delivering the first maiden of the tournament. And that played in Navgire's mind as she went after Ecclestone in the next over, only to lose her stumps for a 13-ball duck. Wolvaardt tried to keep the momentum going at one end while Supernovas, coached by Nooshin Al Khadeer, were spot on with their on-field tactics and match-ups, dismissing Natthakan Chantham and Deepti Sharma cheaply. As the South African batter launched a lone battle, Dottin came back for her second spell. She was taken apart by Wolvaardt as well as Kate Cross, but the West Indies all-rounder came back strongly to dismiss Cross.

Every time Supernovas were under pressure, Dottin delivered. Simran Dil Bahadur (20 n.o off 10 balls) and Wolvaardt (65 n.o) gave Velocity hope, taking the fight till the last ball, but Supernovas held their nerve to get across the line by four runs to win their third Women's T20 Challenge title.

Earlier, Dottin and Priya Punia started off well for the Supernovas. Dottin smashed four sixes on her way to a 44-ball 62. Harmanpreet Kaur scored 43 runs from 29 balls as they finished with 165/7 in 20 overs.

Brief scores: Supernovas 165/7 in 20 ovs (Deandra 62, Harmanpreet 43; Deepti 2/20) **bt** Velocity 161/8 in 20 ovs (Wolvaardt 65 n.o, Simran 20 n.o; Alana 3/32, Deandra 2/28).

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A federal judge has given US wildlife officials 18 months to decide if wolverines should be protected under the Endangered Species Act, following years of dispute over how much risk climate change pose to them

Two fires that merged to create the largest wildfire in New Mexico history have both been traced to planned burns set by U.S. forest managers as preventative measures, federal investigators announced Friday

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Currently, 21 million people are in precaution zones. Though they are allowed to step out, the decision lies with residential committees

COVID

BEIJING: On a balmy Sunday night, residents of an upscale Shanghai compound took to the streets to decry lockdown restrictions imposed by their community. By the following morning, they were free to leave.

The triumphant story quickly spread on chat groups across the Chinese city this week, sparking one question in the minds of those who remained under lockdown: Shouldn't we do the same?

By the end of the week, other groups of residents had confronted management in their complexes, and some had won at least a partial release.

While it's unclear how widespread they are, the incidents reflect the frustration that has built up after more than seven weeks of lockdown, even as the number of new daily cases has fallen to a few hundred in a city of 25 million people.

They also are a reminder of the power of China's neighbourhood committees that the ruling Communist Party relies on to spread propaganda messages, enforce its decisions and even settle personal disputes. Such committees and the residential committees under them have become the target of complaints, especially after some in Shanghai and other cities refused to allow residents out even after official restrictions were relaxed.

More than 21 million people in Shanghai are now in "precaution zones," the least restrictive category. In theory, they are free to go out. In practice, the decision is up to their residential committees, resulting in a kaleidoscope of arbitrary rules.

Some are allowed out, but only for a few hours with a specially issued pass for one day or certain days of the week. Some places permit only one person per household to leave. Others forbid people to leave at all.

"We have already been given at least three different dates when we are going to reopen, and none of them was real," said Weronika Truszczynska, a graduate student from Poland who posted vlogs about her experience.

"The residential committee told us you can wait a week, we are going to reopen probably on June 1st," she said. "No one believed it."

More than a dozen residents of her complex, many under umbrellas on a rainy day, confronted their managers on Tuesday, two days after the Sunday night breakout at the upscale Huixianju compound.

The lockdown has prompted resistance from people being taken away to quarantine.

Residents of a compound banded together to complain to their community

12 turtle species in Uttarakhand

WILDLIFE

A Zoological Survey of India study reported that Uttarakhand is home to 12 freshwater turtle species, with more than half the species globally threatened. ZSI scientist Dr Archana Bahuguna reported the diversity based on extensive surveys done by her and also reported new records for the area including Morenia petersi (Anderson) IUCN status endangered species."They are the world's most endangered vertebrates with more than half the species globally threatened in the IUCN Red List. Most of the turtles and tortoises found in Uttarakhand have been identified as endangered by IUCN Red List and are protected under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Banerjee said.

Norway's oil, gas profit as war surges

ENERGY

STAVANGER: Europe's frantic search for alternatives to Russian energy has dramatically increased the demand—and price—for Norway's oil and gas. As the money pours in, Europe's second-biggest natural gas supplier is fending off accusations that it's profiting from the war in Ukraine. Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki, who is looking to the Scandinavian country to replace some of the gas Poland used to get from Russia, said Norway's "gigantic" oil and gas profits are "indirectly preying on the war." He urged Norway to use that windfall to support the hardest-hit countries, mainly Ukraine.

The comments last week touched a nerve, even as some Norwegians wonder whether they're doing enough to combat Russia's war by increasing economic aid to Ukraine and helping neighbouring countries end their dependence on Russian energy to power industry, generate electricity and fuel vehicles.

Taxes on the windfall profits of oil and gas companies have been common in Europe to help people cope with soaring energy bills, now exacerbated by the war. Spain and Italy both approved them, while the United Kingdom's government plans to introduce one. Morawiecki is asking Norway to go further by sending oil and profits to other nations.

Norway, one of Europe's richest countries, committed 1.09% of its national income to overseas development—one of the highest percentages worldwide—including more than $200 million in aid to Ukraine. With oil and gas coffers bulging, some would like to see even more money earmarked to ease the effects of the war—and not skimmed from the funding for agencies that support people elsewhere.

Women's struggle with menstruation

HEALTH

NEW DELHI: Dirty public toilets, disturbed sleep and cramps are some of the major concerns for women during menstruation, according to a survey.

The survey, which saw the participation of nearly 6,000 women in the age group 18 to 35 years from more than 35 cities has revealed 53.2% of participants do not sleep well during the first two days of their periods.

Also, 67.5% of the participants worry about the risk of spotting while sleeping during their periods, found the Menstrual Hygiene Survey conducted by feminine hygiene brand, *Everteen*, ahead of Menstrual Hygiene Day which is observed on May 28.

It has been found that 57.3% of women experienced moderate to severe menstrual cramps, while 37.2% had mild or occasional menstrual pain.

The survey report stated that 62.2% of women admitted they have never or rarely changed a sanitary pad at a public place and about 74.6% of women get uncomfortable if they need to change their sanitary pad at a public toilet.

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Appendix-IV-A
[Refer proviso to rule 8(6)]

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers that the below described immovable properties ("Immovable Properties") mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of IndoStar Capital Finance Limited (Secured Creditor/ IndoStar Capital Finance Ltd), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" for recovery of due and payable to the Secured Creditor in addition to Interest , costsand chargesat contractual rate to the Secured Creditor.

S. No.	Flie No	Name of the Borrower	13(2) Notice Demand Notice Amount & Date	Reserve Price (RP)	EMD (10% of RP) and Last date	Borrower(s)	Address	Co Borrower(s)	Address
1.	LSBGL00417-180001248	Mr. N RANGANATHA	₹ 1,56,44,958/- & 05.01.2021	₹ Flat No-007 ₹ 37,91,510/- Flat No-109 ₹ 38,76,510/- Flat No-307 ₹ 38,76,510/- Flat No-320 ₹ 36,69,331/-	Flat No- 007 ₹ 3,79,151/- Flat No 109 ₹ 3,87,651/- Flat No-307 ₹ 3,87,651/- Flat No-320 ₹ 3,66,933.1/- On or Before 13.06.2022	Mr. N RANGANATHA	NO 100/ 5, RAMAGONDANAHALLI, VARTHUR MAIN ROAD, WHITEFIELD POST, BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT	Mrs. KOMALA C	NO 100/ 5, RAMAGONDANAHALLI, VARTHUR MAIN ROAD, WHITEFIELD POST, BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT

Short description of the Immovable Properties with known encumbrance and certain terms of the sale:-

S. No.	Loan Account No.	Name of the Borrower/Co Borrower (s)	Demand Notice Amount & Date	Reserve Price (RP)	EMD (10% of RP) and Last date	Inspection Date & Time	Date of Auction & Time	Known Encumbrances, if any,	Details of the Immovable Properties
1.	LSBGL00417-180001248	Mr. N RANGANATHA	₹ 1,56,44,958/- & 05.01.2021	Flat No-007 ₹ 37,91,510/- Flat No-109 ₹ 38,76,510/- Flat No-307 ₹ 38,76,510/- Flat No-320 ₹ 36,69,331/-	Flat No- 007 ₹ 3,79,151/- Flat No 109 ₹ 3,87,651/- Flat No-307 ₹ 3,87,651/- Flat No-320 ₹ 3,66,933.1/- On or Before 13.06.2022 between 10.00 AM and 5.00.PM	10.06.2022 between 10.00 AM and 5.00.PM	14.06.2022 by 5.00pm	Nil	All the piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Flat No-109 North Facing measuring 1180Sq.ft, along with 413 Sq.ft of UDS, Flat No-320 measuring 1110 Sq.ft, along with 389 Sq.ft of UDS, Flat NO-307 North Facing measuring 1180 Sq.ft along with 413 Sq.ft of UDS, Flat No – 007 North GF:1180 Sq.ft along with of 413 Sq.ftof UDS in the property Sy.No.10/2 measuring 1 acre 4 guntas, situated at khayamgutta Ramagondanahalli R Narayanapura K.R Puram Hobli Bangalore presently within the limits of BBPIP and bounded on : East by : Doppanahalli Shamanna & Chilka Gudevatappa Land, West by : Road, North by : Land in the same number Belongs to M.R. Anjan, South by : Remaining land in some Sy. Number

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF PUBLIC AUCTION:-

1. Sale is strictly subject to the terms and conditions mentioned hereunder as also the terms and conditions mentioned in the offer/tender document to be submitted by the intending bidders.
2. The Immovable Properties will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS and WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" including known encumbrances, if any. The Immovable Properties under auction can be inspected on the date and time specified herein 10.06.2022 between 10.00 AM and 5.00 PM. Further, queries or clarification with respect to bid application form, submission of earnest money deposit (EMD), kindly contact Authorised Officer of Indostar Capital Finance Ltd (contact details mentioned in clause (4). The Auction can be conducted at branch level as well, in case; there would be any technical glitch or error in conducting auction.
3. We have also engaged local marketing Agency/service providers for doing marketing or searching the prospective bidders/purchasers which will also assist us in conclusion of auction process as per the provision of SARFAESI Act.
4. The tenderers/ offerers/ prospective bidders/ purchasers should submit their offer along with earnest money deposit (EMD) as referred in column (E) by way of demand draft or pay order favoring Indostar Capital Finance Ltd payable at Bengaluru Branch in sealed envelope mentioning "Offer for purchase of the Immovable Properties/Property" so as to reach with our authorized officer/person Mr. B P Raghunandan, Mobile - 9341228767 on or before the last date for submission of bids i.e. 13.06.2022 before 5.00 p.m. The amount of EMD paid by the successful bidder shall be adjusted towards the sale price.
5. Offers that are not duly filled up or offers not accompanied by the EMD or offers received after the above date and time prescribed herein will not be considered / treated as valid offers, and accordingly shall be rejected. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
6. Along with offer document, the intending bidder shall also attach a copy of the PAN card issued by the Income Tax department (or Form 60) and his/ her identity proof and the proof of residence such as copy of the Aadhar card, Pan card, Passport, Election Commission Card, Ration Card, Driving license etc.
7. The Immovable Properties shall be sold to the highest bidder/offerer, subject to acceptance of the bid by the secured creditor/auction sale committee of Indostar Capital Finance Ltd. The online/ inter-se bidding for above Immovable Properties will take place on schedule date and time as mentioned above schedule in column "G" and on the website of our Indostar Capital Finance Ltd. However, the undersigned has the discretion to accept or reject any offer / tender without assigning reason.
8. All dues and outgoings, i.e., municipal taxes, maintenance / society charges, electricity and water taxes or any other dues including all overdue in respect of the said Immovable Properties shall be paid by the successful bidder(s)/purchaser.
9. The successful bidder/purchaser shall have to pay 25% of the sale amount (inclusive of EMD) immediately upon acceptance of the offer by the Authorized Officer in respect of the sale, failing which, the EMD will be forfeited.
10. The Balance 75% of the Sale price shall have to be paid within 15 days of conveying the confirmation of the sale to the successful Purchaser by the Authorized Officer or such extended period as agreed upon in writing by and solely at the discretion of the secured creditor as per Rule-9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002. In the event of the Default, in payment of the balance 75% of the sale price or any part thereof within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be Forfeited and the Secured Creditor will be at liberty to sell the Immovable Properties once again and the defaulting Purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the Immovable Properties or to any part of the sum already paid towards the purchase thereof.
11. The Immovable Properties described herein above shall remain and be at the sole risk of the successful purchaser in all respects including loss or damage by fire or theft or other accidents, and other risk from the date of the confirmation of the Sale by the undersigned Authorized Officer. The successful bidder shall not be entitled to annul the sale on any ground of whatsoever nature.
12. In case final bid amount/sale consideration of assets is Rs. 50.00 lakhs or above, the successful bidder shall deduct and remit TDS @1% of bid amount from the sale consideration by giving PAN number of borrower as deducted which can be obtained from authorized officer/bank after completion of bidding and remaining 99% of sale consideration shall be payable to bank within stipulated time. Hence, the highest successful bidder is bound to deposit TDS @ 1% on purchase of repossessed asset on the PAN of the borrower as per Section (194-IA) of the Income Tax Act 1961.
13. In such cases sale consideration of asset under auction is Rs. 50.00 lakh or above the successful bidder/purchaser, on payment of entire sale consideration as above (net of TDS) and on completion of sale formalities, shall be issued a sale certificate for the Immovable Properties as per format prescribed under SARFAESI Act & Rules 2002 only upon receipt of Challan-cum-statement in form No. 26QB having remitted the TDS. The certificate for TDS in form 16B to be submitted to the bank subsequently.
14. It shall solely be the responsibility of the successful bidder to get the sale certificate registered. All expenses relating to stamp duty, registration charges, transfer charges and any other expenses and charges in respect of the registration of the sale certificate issued in format prescribed under the SARFAESI Act & Rules 2002 for the above referred Immovable Properties shall be borne by the successful bidder/purchaser. The sale certificate has to be registered at the earliest as per state Law/Rules regarding transfer else the purchaser has to give the request letter to the secured creditor mentioning the reason of delaying the registration.
15. The Authorized officer is not bound to accept the highest offer or any or all offers and Indostar Capital Finance Ltd., as secured creditor, reserves its right to reject any or all bid(s) without assigning any reasons. In case, the bids are rejected, Authorized officer can negotiate with any of the tendered or intending bidders or other parties for sale of the Immovable Properties by private treaty. Sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor/Auction sale committee of Indostar Capital Finance Ltd and as per amended Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002.
16. No persons other than the intending bidders/offerer themselves, or their duly Authorized representative shall be allowed to participate in the auction / sale proceedings. However, the sale certificate shall be registered in favor of purchaser only in whose name bid application form has been submitted.
17. The Authorized officer reserves his right to vary any of the terms and condition of this notice for sale, without prior notice, at his discretion & can also avail the services of marketing Agent or service Provider in selling the said repossessed mortgaged Immovable Properties against their professional fee which will recovered from the borrower.
18. In case, all the dues together with all cost, charges and expenses incurred by the Secured Creditor are tendered by the above name borrower/co-borrower till one working day prior to the date of Auction then the Immovable Propertieswill not be sold and all the bids received from the prospective bidders shall be returned to them without any liability / claim against Indostar Capital Finance Ltd.
19. This publication is also a notice of 15 days to borrowers/mortgagor(s) of the assistance about holding of sale on above mentioned date if dues are not re-paid in full.
20. Tendered documents may be collected from local branch of Indostar Capital Finance Ltd. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.Indostarcapital.com.
21. The borrowers/mortgagor are also hereby informed that they must take delivery of their personal house-hold belongings/articles lying inside the said mortgaged properties under the custody of Indostar Capital Finance Ltd, if any within 15 days from the date of publication, with prior intimation to Indostar Capital Finance Ltd failing which the Indostar Capital Finance Ltd shall have no liability/responsibility to the same and will dispose of at the risk of borrowers/ mortgagor.
22. Special Instruction: Bidding in the last movement should be avoided in the bidders own interest as neither the Indostar Capital Finance Ltd will be responsible for any lapse/failure in order to ward of such contingent situations bidders are requested to make all necessary arrangement/alternatives back-up etc., so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully. The auction sale will automatically get closed at the expiry time frame of auction sale as mentioned in column no - G. The Authorised Officer can exercise its discretion to extend the auction sale by 15 minutes.

Date – 28.05.2022
Place – Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
For Indostar Capital Finance Ltd.

PAPER PUBLICATION

That, my client namely **RAVI VASUDEO WADHWANI S/O VASUDEO DAULATRAM WADHWANI**, Flat-G3,sai pujita Apartment,2nd Cross, Whitefield main Road, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560 066, entered into a Agreement to purchase property described in SHEDULE given below from owner and possessor namely **SRIRAMNENI VIDYASAGAR**, R/at- C/o 2422, Sriramneni, 8th main, Banashankari 2nd stage, Bengluru-560 070 and my client have paid earnest amount also. Owner assured to my client that the property is free from all incumbrances, having good and clear title. All persons having any claim, right, title, interest, pending litigation, demand or objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction in respect of schedule property or any part there are requested to lodge his/ their claim/ objection with the undersigned (at Address given below by registered post or at e-mail) in writing together with all documentary proof regarding right, title, interest if any within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this public notice. Objections/claims received after the time will not be considered and my clients will proceed to complete the purchase transaction of the schedule property as if there are no claims/objection whatsoever.

SHEDULE PROPERTY: ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE immovable residential property bearing present BBMP No. 402/365/7, old plot/site No.7, formed out of Sy.No.61, Old Khatha No. 438, (duly converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential purpose), already constructed house building plot comes under the BBMP Zone, situated at Ward No.84, Hagadooru, Krishnarajapura Hobli-3, situated at No. 412 Outer circle, Whitefield, measurement 8448 Sq.Feet, out of that 3000 Sq.ft., of built-up area with right of easement, appurtenances either latent patent attached to the schedule property, and bounded on the:

East by :- Part of Survey No.61, West by:- Plot No.6, North by:- Property bearing Survey No.61, South by:- Outer Circle Road.

Date:- 28/05/2022

From

ADV. IMRAN M PATHAN

Add:- Near khandoba temple, Satara, Aurangabad, Maharashtra-431010. Mob:-9850191934 Email:- pathanadvocate1@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to enter in Joint Development Agreement with **Sri. C. Rajasekhar Reddy** and **Smt. C. Srujana**, with respect to Schedule Property and they having purchased the same from Sri. S.K. Sabapathy vide Sale Deed dt 24.11.2021, Regd No. 7653/2021-22, Book-I, CD No. INRD944, Sub-Registrar, Indiranagar, Bangalore.

In view of the above, any persons, Financial Institutions, Banks, Co-operative Societies and/or anybody, who have any manner of right, title, claim, interest, charge and/or any objections in whatsoever manner for intending purchase shall file their objections with documentary proof, before the undersigned within seven days from the date of publication, and if the undersigned does not receive any objections from whomsoever in whatsoever manner then it shall be presumed that the Schedule Property is free from encumbrances, claims, charges, liens, mortgages and obligations and my client shall go on with Joint Development Agreement.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Property bearing Residential Plot No.9 (Nine), BBMP Katha No.3077/2875/9, "SHUBH ENCLAVE" being a part/portion of Sy No.46 of Kasavanahalli, Varthur, Ward No.150, Bellandur, Bangalore, measuring EW 80 Ft (24.38 Mtrs) & NS 120 Ft (36.57 Mtrs), in all measuring 9600 Sq.ft (891.84 Sq.Mtrs) and bounded on: **East:** Road, **West:** Plot No. 10, **North:** Plot No.8, **South:** Road.

T.S. Venkatesh, Advocate
S-404, Brigade Plaza,
Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-09.
Mob: 98440 67528 Date: 28-05-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCUMENT LOST

This is to notify the general public that my clients, **Mr. Sumit Sethi,** aged about 45 years, S/o. Mr. Deepak Sethi and **Mrs. Gunjan Sethi,** aged about 42 years, W/o. Mr. Sumit Sethi, both residing at Om Niwas,No.201, 6th Cross, 80 feet road, Near Ramaiah Hospital, RMV 2nd block, Bangalore-560 094, has lost the Sale Deed, namely: **Absolute Sale Deed dated 16-4-2021** registered as document **No.BYP-1-00402-2021-2022,** of Book-I, stored in CD No BYPD848, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bytarayanapura, Bangalore. Residential apartment bearing No.RBT10F0601on the 6th floor of Tower 10 in project of L &T Reality-Raintree Boulevard situated at Bellary Highway Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, Bangalore.

If anybody finds the aforesaid original documents, please hand over to my clients. My clients have lodged a complaint regarding loss of above said documents to the Bangalore City Police, Bangalore Lost Report No. 0231164/2022, dated 24/05/2022.

Please note that, if anybody tries to make any illegal acts on the aforesaid original documents, my clients are not responsible for the same.

D. SRINIVASA, Advocate
No.4, "Kamala Nilaya", 3rd Cross,
Journalist Colony, J.C. Road Cross,
Bangalore-560 002.
Mobile No. 9886047740

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that Mrs. R. Sarada, daughter of Mr. E. Subbanna and wife of Mr. H. Ramanjineya, presently residing at No. 1128, 17th Cross, 9th Main, 7th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore - 560102 (**'Owner'**) is the sole and absolute owner of all that piece and parcel of immovable properties bearing: (i) Survey No. 68/1 (measuring 31 Guntas); and (ii) Survey No. 69 (measuring 7 Acres 21 Guntas), totally measuring 08 Acres 12 Guntas (3,61,548 Square Feet), situated at Chokkanahalli Village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Additional Taluk, Bangalore Urban District (**'Property'**). The following original title documents with respect to the Property have been lost/ misplaced by the Owner:

(I) Sale Deed dated 12.01.1979 (Registered as Document No. 3959/1978-79, Book-I, stored in Volume No. 3083, at Pages 214 to 218, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore) executed by Mrs. Muniyamma, wife of Late Mr. Papaiah & others in favour of Mrs. Khamarunnissa, wife of Mr. Abdul Guffar Khan;

(ii) Agreement of Sale dated 28.04.1995 (Registered as Document No. 718/1995-96, Book-I, stored in C.D. No. SF 603, Pages 24 to 27, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Yelahanka) executed between Mrs. Kamrunnissa Khan, wife of Mr. Abdul Gaffar Khan, represented by her GPA holder Mr. Y. Abdul Rashid and Mr. S. Rajaram Nayak, son of Mr. Sujir Pundalika Nayak;

(iii) Sale Deed dated 21.06.1995 (Registered as Document No. 2186/1995-96, Book-I, stored in Volume No. 772, at Pages 52 to 59, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Yalahanka) executed by Mrs. Kamrunnissa Khan, wife of Mr. Abdul Gaffar Khan in favour of Mr. S. Rajaram Nayak, son of Mr. Sujar Pundalika;

(iv) Sale Deed dated 21.06.1995 (Registered as Document No. 3017/1995-96, Book-I, stored in Volume No. 786, at Pages 111 to 119, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Yalahanka) executed by Mrs. Kamrunnissa Khan, wife of Mr. Abdul Gaffar Khan in favour of Mr. S. Rajaram Nayak, son of Mr. Sujir Pundalika Nayak;

(v) Sale Deed dated 28.02.1996 (Registered as Document No. 7867/1995-96, Book-I, stored in Volume No. 863, at Pages 147 to 153, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Yalahanka) executed by Mrs. Khamarunissa, wife of Mr. Abdul Gaffar & Mr. Abdul Gaffar Khan, son of Mr. Rasool Khan in favour of Mr. Anwar, son of Late Mr. Yusuff Khan;

(vi) Power of Attorney dated 30.05.1994 & Authority Letter dated 06.10.2003 executed by Mr. S. Rajaram Nayak, son of Mr. Sujir Pundalika in favour of Mr. Arvind Rajaram Nayak; and (vii) Occupancy Certificate dated 27.02.2019 bearing No. ADTP/JC(Y.N)/O.C/L.P/171/2015-16 issued by the Assistant Director of Town Planning, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Yelahanka Zone, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

Despite best efforts, the Owner is unable to trace the aforementioned original title documents for which a Police Complaint intimating the loss of the original title documents has been filed with Bengaluru City Police Station, Bengaluru, vide Lost Report No. 0045 of 2022 dated 23/05/2022.

Members of the public are hereby notified that in the event any person/s has found/ discovered/ is in custody of the aforementioned original title documents, such person/s is/are hereby requested to return the said original title documents to the Owner, at the below mentioned address.

Sd/- Mrs. R. SARADA,
Residing at No.1128, 17th Cross, 9th Main, 7th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560 102.

Date: 27-5-2022
Place: Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that Mrs. R. Sarada, daughter of Mr. E. Subbanna and wife of Mr. H. Ramanjineya, presently residing at No. 1128, 17th Cross, 9th Main, 7th Sector, HSR Layout Bangalore-560102 (**'Owner'**) is the sole and absolute owner of all that piece and parcel of immovable property being a portion of property bearing Khata No. 402/1 to 9, admeasuring 2,34,869.12 Square Feet (out of 2,44,805.90 Square Feet), situated at Nagavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore (**'Property'**). The following original title documents with respect to the Property have been lost/ misplaced by the Owner:

(i) Sale Deed dated 30.04.2008 (Registered as Document No. 210/2008-09, Book-I, stored in C.D. No. KCHD11, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Kacharakanahalli) executed by Mr. Ganesh S. Koundinya, son of Mr. Srimoolanathan in favour of Mr. C. Dhanya Kumar;

(ii) Sale Deed dated 30.07.2008 (Registered as Document No. 1129/2008-09, Book-I, stored in C.D. No. KCHD14, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Kacharakanahalli) executed by Mrs. K. S. Vima Vani, wife of Mr. H. N. Ashoka in favour of Mr. C. Dhanya Kumar, son of Mr. B. G. Channappa;

(iii) Sale Deed dated 05.05.2008 (Registered as Document No. 260/08-09, Book-I, stored in C.D. No. KCHD11, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Kacharakanahalli) executed by the Vyalikaval House Building Co-operative Society Layout in favour of Mr. C. Dhanya Kumar, son of Mr. B. G. Channappa;

(iv) Deed of Confirmation and Ratification dated 05.05.2008 (Registered as Document No. 263/2008-09, Book-I, stored in C.D. No. KCHD11, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Kacharakanahalli) executed by: (i) Mr. S. Basheer Ahmed, son of Late Mr. A. R. Shariff; (ii) Mr. B. Nazeer Ahmed, son of Mr. S. Basheer Ahmed; (iii) Mrs. B. Shahmeem Banu, wife of Mr. S. Basheer Ahmed; (iv) Mrs. Shaheen Rahmath, daughter of Mr. S. Basheer Ahmed; and (v) Mrs. B. Yasmeen Banu, daughter of Mr. S. Basheer Ahmed in favour of Mr. C. Dhanya Kumar, son of Mr. B. G. Channappa;

(v) Deed of Confirmation dated 06.05.2008 (Registered as Document No. 580/2008-09, Book-I, stored in C.D. No. KCHD12, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Kacharakanahalli) executed by: (i) Mrs. B. Parvathi @ Padmashree, wife of Mr. N. R. Janardhan; (ii) Mr. N. R. Janardhan, son of Mr. Ramachandra; (iii) Ms. J. Madhu Malathi, daughter of Mr. N. R. Janardhan; (iv) Master J. Punith Kumar, son of Mr. N. R. Janardhan; (v) Master J. Yathish Kumar, son of Mr. N. R. Janardhan; (vi) Mr. R. Ambikapathi, son of Late Mr. Ramachandra; and (vii) Mr. R. A. Pradeep, son of Mr. R. Ambikapathy in favour of: Mr. B. G. Channappa; (ii) Mr. S. M. Kamal Pasha; (iii) Mr. Shekarappa; and (iv) Mr. C. Dhanya Kumar; and

(vi) Release Deed dated 06.06.2009 (Registered as Document No. 432/2009-10, Book-I, stored in C.D. No. KCHD26, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Kacharakanahalli) executed by Mrs. E. Akkamma, wife of Late Mr. E. Subbanna in favour of her daughter Mrs. Sharada, daughter of Late Mr. E. Subbanna.

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How Young India Thinks

In a world ravaged by war, climate crisis and the pandemic, young ones across the small towns and metros of India are clear about their aspirations and demands from their country

By **SMITHA VERMA**

They know they are called the 'selfie generation'—the moniker often being a subtle way of hinting at their selfishness. Even when I, Me, Myself ride their existence, it is not that the young Indians are not bothered about the world they inhabit. They know how countries at war in faraway land affect them, how eco-anxiety is real and the echo chambers they dwell in their virtual avatar aren't the real deal.

"The most common refrain is that they are selfish. But it isn't true," says Farishta Dastur Mukerji, a Kolkata-based psychotherapist who works with young people across educational institutions to create policies on mental health, critical interventions and training.

In Mukherji's words, the issues that concern the young range from the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war to homeless people on the streets. Social issues, cultural norms, religious extremism, and political agendas are all matters that affect them deeply. "They are also much more opinionated than any previous generation. It is because they are so much more aware and have the means to stay informed," she explains.

It's the most technologically-immersed lot, the generation that is growing up seeing the best of opportunities and the worst of crises around.

And yet, for most young Indians, the country with all its flaws and merits is the one that they throw bouquets and brickbats at. "To me, India means home," says Prarthana Batra, a 17-year-old from Delhi. Avyukt Dev Goel, a 12-year-old studying in Gurgaon, adds, "There exists two India—the privileged lot and the homeless ones.
And both are trying to co-exist."

In a 2020 survey undertaken by the Delhi-based Centre for Catalyzing Change as part of its Youth Bol campaign, it was revealed that health and well-being, besides access to technology and information, stood out as over-riding concerns for the young in India. The campaign surveyed over one lakh young people for three age cohorts—10 to 14 years, 15 to 19 years and 20 to 24 years—from across geographies in the country.

According to Bengaluru-based sociologist GK Karanth, the younger generation is more well-informed and knows the means by which the information has to be acquired. "For us, it took several years to make up our mind when we were young, but a youth of today is more or less clear as to what she or he would like to be as an adult," he says.

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Prarthana Batra
17, Delhi

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Namrutha T Ajay
14, Trissur, Kerala

This "clarity of thought" along with putting "self at the centre" is the overriding characteristics that define the young today. A peek into the things that matter the most to this generation throws some light on what young Indians want.

Empowerment is the Goal

Kerala has nine women among its 14 district collectors, a rarity in the country. And yet if you were to ask Namrutha T Ajay to pinpoint an issue close to her heart, without a second thought, her answer is women empowerment. Even though the glass ceiling is being broken, the 14-year-old from Trissur knows how deceptively steeped in patriarchy is her state. "Age-old traditions and patriarchy go hand in hand," she says. Her role model countries are the Scandinavian lot. "They always top their happiness index. Over there, they respect women and corruption is at the lowest," she points out.

A sentiment echoed by Diva Naik from Vadodara, who believes conversation around gender can help young people feel less ashamed about their bodies. "Why are we ashamed of talking about menstruation? Girls in my class feel embarrassed about it. This irks me, this lack of discourse around sexuality," says Diva, 11.

Her frustration on the surface may seem not too big but the implications of not being taught about sex education in school stand out when they get older. Ask Shriya Gupta, a 20-year-old from Bengaluru, who believes any meaningful conversation around sex or mental education must start at a young age which is usually not the case in Indian educational institutions. She hopes to build a network of young people who work for gender equality as well as for mental health. "I want opportunities for women to be more available and equal. I want us to fight through the patriarchal and sexist cultures and traditions," she says. Shriya also hopes to mobilise the youth to bring in a change.

"India has tremendous potential. There are young children in villages with so much talent but there is little awareness around opportunities," she says.

Entrepreneurship in Mind

If you think selfie is the term that defines the generation, then it is also a cohort that is growing up in a fast-changing start-up landscape. To the young and ambitious, there are few things as fascinating as the world of building your own business. "Each generation has its own version for inspiration," says Mukherji. Undoubtedly, the constant reinvention of the hustler inspires the present lot to build their own enterprise.

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Amulya Gowda
14, Mysuru

"Instead of working for someone, I want to be my own boss. And also generate employment."
Devasya Rana,
11, Delhi

Take for instance Delhi resident Devasya Rana. At 11, he knows he is going to build a business that will provide employment to many. "Instead of working for someone, I want to be my own boss. And also generate employment," says the son of an advocate. A maths and science Olympiad champion, Devasya has a clear-cut academic path defined ahead of him. After a degree from the Indian Institute of Technology, he aspires to pursue information technology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). "It's a

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dream to study at MIT. And then return to India, start my own tech firm, a start-up providing software solutions. The way technology is shaping up, the future is bright in this area," he says.

One Life, One Planet

Nikita Dhawan is part of a generation that has only known a world in which the internet is supreme and fast fashion is a way of life. But her goals are not part of the norm. It was in March 2020, when the pandemic put people under lockdown, that this 16-year-old started to vociferously discuss animal abuse and fight for the plight of animals. The teen activist was particularly saddened by the ordeal of Shankar, the tusker in Delhi Zoo, who was leading a solitary existence after the death of its companion in 2005.

She runs a non-profit, Youth for Animals, which is an initiative to raise awareness around animals. Her public interest litigation for Shankar's cause is pending in the Delhi High Court and the next hearing is slated for July. Her demand is to release Shankar into a wildlife sanctuary that shelters other African elephants of its kind. "There is a 2009 circular issued by the Central Zoo Authority which had banned exhibition of elephants in zoos. And yet there is no implementation," says Nikita, who wrote *Getting the Bread: the Gen Z Way of Success* last year.

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Wildlife is close to Devasya's heart too. "How can we ill-treat animals?" he asks. When the news of people abandoning their pets and street animals going hungry during the pandemic was doing rounds, Devasya along with his friends started giving food to the animals around his neighbourhood. He wants Indians to care more about the planet. "We need to learn from countries like Australia and encourage public transport. Can't we have dedicated lanes for cyclists? After all, air pollution affects everyone," he states.

Climate change is not a passing phenomenon. "It is here and we are experiencing it currently. Even when I am privileged to sit in an air-conditioned room, I know the impact of heatwaves in our lives," Avyukt says. These young adults know that they are the ones who will be facing the worst consequences of not caring for the planet. Amulya Gowda, a 14-year-old from Mysuru, wants laws to be more stringent against offenders of the planet. "We must be more mindful of our consumption and keep our environment clean. We cannot afford to take climate change lightly," asserts Amulya. Caring for animals is another of her concerns, so much so that she plans to study veterinary science.

In a global survey led by Bath University along with research group Avaaz, it was revealed that 60 percent of young people were extremely worried about climate change. The survey carried out last year highlighted that 45 percent felt climate change affected their daily lives.

"The figures aren't surprising," says Avyukt. The impact human choices have on the environment is an issue Avyukt has been talking about with his friends. He has been instrumental in convincing his friends and family against single-use plastic. "I got biodegradable bags stitched and I even can tell people where to buy them online."

An Inclusive World

Any new generation brings with it new ways of thinking. "Old beliefs and practices either become obsolete or are reinforced in a stronger way," says Mukherji. For Amulya, social inequality is the most pressing concern. "Why do we have so much poverty? We need to bridge this divide and make it a more inclusive world," she says.

Karanth explains how the younger generation today does not easily fit into the templates of what "tradition" dictates. "But they have the compulsions to prepare themselves either to adapt to them or lead a life at variance to them—whether they are matters of what they do in life for a vocation, the food they eat or the person they live with."

Not surprising then that inclusivity means living in peace with differences—be it around religion, region, sexuality or class. "It doesn't have to be big actions. Even small changes like more accepting towards people different than you is a stepping stone towards inclusivity," says Shreya Jha. She is all of 14 and yet utilising her summer vacations not sitting in front of a device but reading about ways she can start her own enterprise for the underprivileged. "Our artisans never get the due price for the effort they put in creating an item. I want to build a portal where only products from the NGOs which represent marginalised communities are sold," says Shreya who lives in Anand, Gujarat.

Tech & Consumption

If the talk is around the youth, can technology and consumption be not discussed?

In a study conducted by computer security software firm McAfee in 10 countries in May, it was found that Indian children are the youngest to reach mobile maturity. As per the study, smartphone use among Indian children in the age group of 10 to 14 years is 83 percent, which is 7 percent higher than the international average of 76 percent.

It's not surprising that the youth (a cohort ranging from dependency to adulthood) remains one of the largest consumer bases for gadgets, gaming, social media, streaming platforms, and so on. "It's an integral part of our lives. More so after the pandemic and online learning," says Shreya who enjoys browsing through online shopping websites. "It also gives me ideas about what to have in my own app when I build one," she adds.

In 2018, Kaspersky Lab, a cyber-security and anti-virus provider, studied what children watched, listened to, purchased, and searched for online. Of the 60,000 children surveyed, the majority—as much as 40.68 percent—searched for communication or social media. Though these are global figures, they are indicative of a largely Indian milieu too. "A decade back, there was hardly anything called influencers. Now they know that careers are built upon social media following," says Mukherji.

Diva understands how tech dependency is often equated to drug addiction but she believes not everything around tech dependency should be looked down upon. "I love to sketch and paint. The internet helps me to learn about it from different sources and I can research so many things around it," she adds.

In every decade, young people develop their own culture and values, and displace those developed by the generation that preceded theirs. Hip-hop was addictive as was cable television. Now it is the internet. "Technology to me is the pathway to efficiency and enhancement," says Prarthana. In a world swiftly marching into the metaverse, tech is neither an aberration nor an addiction. "Rather with NFTs, cryptocurrency and the metaverse, technology is just getting started at being more intertwined in our lives," she adds.

To sum it up, Karanth says the young are spelling it out clear and concise. "They belong to a generation that has an opinion on practically everything—consequently there is a milieu with multiple perspectives. Yet, unlike the older ones, they are not confused. Instead, they are much more focussed," he elaborates.

Now more than ever, young people are vocal about their choices and demands from their motherland. They may inundate their social media with selfies or converse with emojis but they aren't ashamed of caring about themselves, are ready to acknowledge differences and believe in the strength that comes from inclusivity. From social justice to climate change, in this world of the young, change is the only consistent thing.

"Why are we ashamed of talking about menstruation? Girls in my class feel embarrassed about it. This irks me, this lack of discourse around sexuality."
Diva Naik, 11, Vadodara

Ayakha Melithafa

When she was 16, Melithafa joined Project 90 by 2030, which aims to reduce South Africa's carbon emissions by 90 percent. Last year, at the age of 19, she represented her country at the World Economic Forum and is part of the youth voice in several national and international panels on climate change.

Young Changemakers

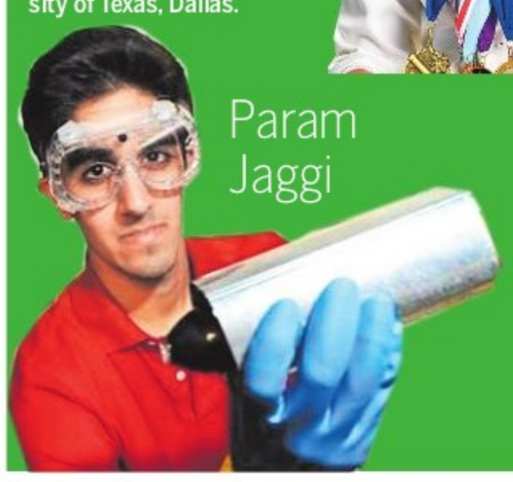
Orion Jean

At 11, he is spreading positivity through his initiative 'Race to Kindness' that supports kindness projects in his community. A Texas, US, resident, Jean started this initiative with the $500 prize money he earned at National Kindness Speech Contest when he was just nine.

Currently the CEO of Hatch Technologies, Jaggi started working with environmental and energy technologies at the age of 13. When he was 15, he began working with alternative energy sources and a year later he started working in a lab at the University of Texas, Dallas.

Gitanjali Rao

In 2020, Rao became the first person to receive *Time* magazine's 'Kid of the Year' designation when she was all of 14. Besides her credentials as an American inventor and scientist, she was awarded as a Laureate of the Young Activists Summit at UN Geneva last year.



Param Jaggi

Jazz Jennings

An American YouTube personality, author and LGBTQ rights activist, Jennings is one of the youngest publicly documented people to be identified as a transgender. At the age of 13, she founded Purple Rainbow Tails, a company in which she fashions rubber mermaid tails to raise money for transgender children.

Lessons to Learn

SPEAKING UP ISN'T DISRESPECTFUL

Don't expect them to nod their heads through whatever is said to them. They argue, question, and need convincing to believe in what is doled out to them in the name of tradition or beliefs. They aren't afraid to express their opinions and are the most vocal generation.

TECH TO GO

Technology is their answer to everything from shopping to therapy, to maintaining relationships and investments in the stock market. They record and share the banal moments of their day on social media. Tech is their slave rather than the other way round.

CARING FOR OTHERS

Selfie generation doesn't mean not caring for others. Be it for animals or the planet, minorities or the less privileged, the young want an inclusive world where resources are shared.

IMPERFECT AND CYNICAL

Being cynical or focused on own goals isn't so bad. After all, only if you pursue your goals can you help others. Not easily trusting others or trying to do everything on their own is their road to independence. They demand authenticity even when it is an imperfect experience.

Play it Again, Makrand

Actor, playwright and director Makrand Deshpande, who is back with his two-act play on rape, says it's his social responsibility to talk about issues that plague the humankind through theatre

By MANJU LATHA KALANIDHI

Makrand Despande's medium is his message. Ask him, what is still live, authentic, tangible and unfiltered in 2022? What's still a human-to-human form of communication with sincere, undoctored reactions? "Theatre alone is. It is the only medium that can thwack our collective societal consciousness with such an impact," says the writer and director of the play *Balatkar—Please Stop It*. Ever since his Hindi play premiered at the prestigious Prithvi Theatre in Mumbai on May 14, it has been making news for its lingering impact on the audience.

Deshpande is a veteran theatre actor and a playwright who is known for his work as an actor in mainstream cinema. The 50-plus actor's is a face not easy to forget—unkempt, overgrown curly hair with a bushy moustache. He featured in Shah Rukh Khan's *Swades* in 2004, and has also acted in pivotal roles in films such as *Sarfarosh*, *Makdee*, *Bbuddah... Hoga Terra Baap* and *Darna Zaroori Hai*. He has directed over five films in Bollywood. However, theatre remains his first love.

Deshpande's stage repertoire is spectacular. He started his acting career in 1990 at Prithvi Theatre with support from the founder of the group, Sanjana Kapoor. His love for the medium egged him to start Ansh Theatre Group in 1993 with his peer KK Menon. And till today, he has written and directed over 50 short plays and 40 full-length plays, including *Sir Sir Sirla*, *Joke*, *Maa In Transit*, *Krishna Kidding* etc. His 2017 *Patni*, with sitarist and composer Niladri Kumar, has been a runaway hit.

Deshpande calls himself 'an artiste with a contemplative, philosophical approach to his craft'. "In today's time when the world is shouting that original writing is dead, theatre is alive at Ansh through original ideas."

The group's legacy hinges upon his reputation as a maverick artiste.

In December last year, he was felicitated with the 'Pillar of Democracy' award for stupendous work in theatre by *Democracy*, a portal started by Dr Vaidehi Taman, the editor of *The Afternoon Voice* in Mumbai. Deshpande says that such recognitions make him feel as if someone really understands his contribution. "Let's all unite our hearts through art and love," he exclaims.

So what drives him to direct more plays? "After the play, a friend walked up to me to say that for the first time, he felt utterly helpless and had tears in his eyes. The play touched him so deeply," recounts Deshpande.

Balatkar—Please Stop It is about a theatre company that decides to do a play on International Women's Day. The subject decided by the director makes the actors uncomfortable.

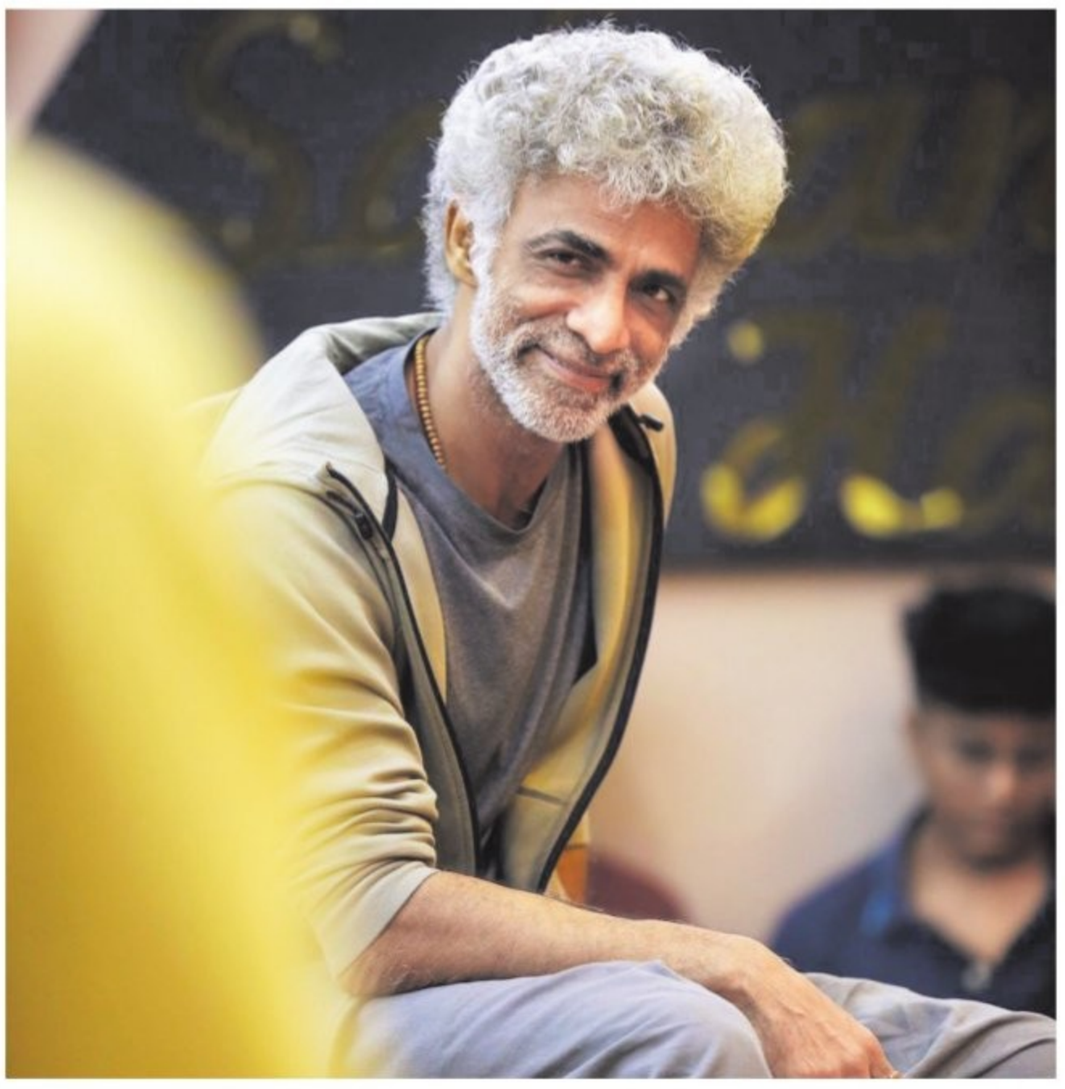
The two-act 'play-in-play' laughs at our hypocrisy when it comes to our discussions around rape. Although the play had just four shows in two days, he has been getting requests from friends and theatre lovers to stage it across the country. Now, the Ansh Theatre Group has to work out the logistics to accomplish this.

"Drama is my inner need as a human being, as a man, and a citizen of this country to voice my concerns via the most lively medium—theatre. As a playwright and director, I felt the need to put the centuries-old trauma of rape on stage. Unlike documentaries or movies about rape, we provoke dark humour. It's a satire on people celebrating the so-called International Women's Day to ostensibly empower women," he says.

Buoyed by the turnout and the feedback he has received, Deshpande is exploring the possibility of staging the play even in regional languages. More importantly, he wants his 18-member troupe to travel to nondescript towns in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar to perform it. He is in talks with a playwright in Hyderabad for a possible collaboration in Telugu.

Deshpande's next play will be about the war. "You will hear about it shortly," he says.

When he is not acting in big-budget movies such as the multilingual *RRR* or writing plays, Deshpande can be found playing with his pet cat Atom. He will be next seen in the upcoming multilingual romantic sports movie, *Liger*, directed by Puri Jagannadh, starring south star Vijay Deverakonda and Ananya Panday.



Makrand Deshpande; (below) a still from *Balatkar-Please Stop It*

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Cathartic Canvas

Artist Indu Antony uses her hair to create works that become medium of personal expression

By NOOR ANAND CHAWLA

In her most recent exhibit, multidisciplinary artist Indu Antony used her own hair to embroider messages of latent childhood trauma. This was, but one example of the depth of personal expression evident in each of her art works.

"My work is definitely cathartic for me. I think anything to do with my own hair and the act of stitching it, is a very cathartic process. It's about letting go of things within you and is a very calming procedure. The use of hair is extremely personal. There is, of course, a risk that people won't buy artworks that contain another's person hair—why would they want to put something like that in their house? But I love giving multiple meanings to my work by raising questions," Antony says. The work was showcased at the Blueprint.12 booth at India Art Fair in Delhi.

Indu Antony

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Based in Bengaluru, Antony has had a number of solo shows across India and abroad, and has been selected for numerous awards and residencies such as the IArts Inaugural Residency at Ontario, Canada and the Public Art Grant - Cecilia'ed by FICA (Foundation for Indian Contemporary Art). She also won the Artist Book of the Year at the Hello India Art Awards, for her work *Why Can't Bras Have Buttons?*

Her multidisciplinary art involves working with individuals from the fringes of society and exploring feministic stands in new ways. This is most evident in her series titled 'Names They Called', which consists of words commonly used to eve-tease women, stitched on paper using her hair as a metaphor for her disturbing childhood memories. Antony painstakingly collects her hair for her projects, which she then strings together with a needle and thread.

"The procedure is hard, but I've always admired work that slows me down. These days, the slower the process, the more I'm attracted to it. I've been using my hair in a lot of my work since 2018. My book that recently won an award, also contained my hair. It's an object-based autobiography, and I strung objects I've been collecting, with my hair," she explains.

'I Brought You Up Like Gold' is another personal assignment, which describes her relationship with her mother. The title is a saying oft repeated by her mother, implying her disappointment in Antony's life choices. "She feels she brought me up as per the highest standards, but I didn't fall into the categories that were expected of me," shares Antony. In these works, she uses brass vials containing paper chits with prayers that her mother uses to express her hopes. The gold used on the cyanotypes represents the concept of the artwork, and she encases the works in jewellery boxes that were discarded by a jeweller who lost his business during the pandemic, signifying a sense of abandonment.

"When I was young and impressionable, I didn't realise the damage my mother's taunts did, but looking back I can see it," she says.

Fortunately, her multi-layered works allow her to address her feelings by sharing exactly who she is with the world.

LEISURE CORNER

INTO THE MIND

An art show exploring the relationship between an artist's cognition and his/her material culture. Both philosophically and artistically, the curatorial proposition of the exhibition is interested in studying material culture, human experiences and thought processes to fully understand further creative and expressive processes and how both of them are intertwined. *Our Line in The Sand; At Art Centrix Space, Delhi*

EVERY WOMAN'S TALE

A tongue-in-cheek musical based on a fictional memoir, where a single mother, stuck in the quagmire of her middle-class upbringing, embarks on a frantic search for the happily ever after. *Drama Queen Refreshed; On June 4-5; At Kamani Auditorium, Delhi; Details on BookMyShow*

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An Epicurean Tale

Indian food is one of author William Dalrymple's favourite cuisines, especially the dishes from down South

By TRISHA MUKHERJEE

William Dalrymple's social media is expectedly about the things he loves––books, history, arts and artefacts. Put the online feed of this author-historian under a magnifying glass, and you will find a soft spot, also for the culinary arts.

Once in every few months, a tweet from Dalrymple will pop up, talking about a restaurant he discovered, a recipe he relished, or simply articles about good, satisfying food.

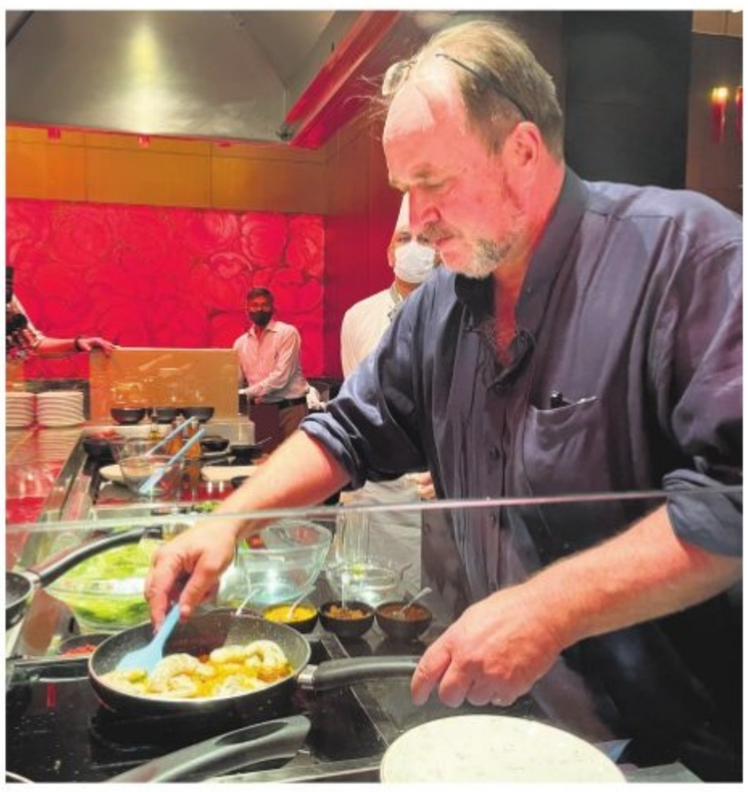
During the lockdown days, for instance, he wrote about how he enjoyed a meal from Delhi's Mahabelly––"Yesterday's banana-leaf wrapped prawn olathiyathu with coconut chutney & appam was purest spicy heaven."

But the author-historian is more than just a food connoisseur. Dalrymple, is also an exemplary cook, definitely more than he cares to admit.

He demonstrated his culinary skills at a recent cookout at a hotel in Delhi, where he whipped up a skillet of juicy tiger prawns in a jiffy, alongside a very season-appropriate and refreshing onion-mango salad with a dressing of lime and coriander.

Cooking is merely an extension of his creative personality, he feels.

"There are many different forms of creativity, and writing only uses one side of your brain and it is nice to dabble, in an amateur way, in other forms of creativity. So I love my photography, and cooking. I wouldn't, in any way, claim to be a great or a talented cook, or particularly a regular cook. But I love it," says the author of *City of Djinns*.



William Dalrymple cooking tiger prawns

Much like his writing, Dalrymple's cooking too is rooted in memory—the fondest ones being those of his childhood in Scotland that was spent gorging on delectables prepared by his mother.

"My mom was a wonderful cook and at a time when Scotland was not known for its cooking. So I always grew up with spectacular food," he says.

The tiger prawns too have a story of their own. Dalrymple discovered the recipe in a book by his favourite cookery writer Claudia Roden.

"She brought middle-eastern cooking to London in the 1970s, when no one else was cooking this food in London," he says, adding, "I love middle-eastern cooking because of its fresh ingredients, simple, clear, light food."

Roden's tiger prawns have been the author's go-to recipe whenever he has had to rustle up something for a large number of people, with not enough time at his disposal.

"This is my standard last-minute dish to cook when friends are coming over for dinner, and I haven't thought of anything else. This is something to be cooked in five minutes flat, and it tastes completely delicious," he says.

Middle-eastern cooking is also the author's preferred choice of cuisine, especially when he is in India.

"It is kind of like an antidote to the heaviness of Indian cooking. I think it is much more suited for the hot weather. Bizarrely, Indian food like the Mughlai cuisine is completely inappropriate for the hot climate. It's delicious, it's fantastic with all that carbohydrate, oil and ghee... So the middle-eastern food and its lightness is a good antidote to too much *rajma* and Mughlai," he says.

The author, who shuttles between India and London, admits that Indian food remains one of his all time favourites, particularly dishes from down South.

"...either something of a delicious coconut-y fishy thing from the South, or a good Chettinad *thali*," the author of *White Mughals* ponders.

One of his recent finds, and favourite restaurants at the moment is the Bangala, a heritage hotel in Chettinad's Karaikudi.

"It was started by these two wonderful widows in their 50s, and over the last 20 years, they have created the best South Indian restaurant. They do this amazing *thali* lunch, where they raise a simple thali to a high art form...They have spectacular ingredients and sometimes I use their cookery book," says Dalrymple, who is currently working on a new book, tentatively titled *The Golden Road*.

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Rahul Gandhi Seems Inspired by Houdini

BARBED WORDS

Pushpesh Pant
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Great-grandfather had embarked on his 'Discovery of India' and for the great-grandson, it seems, the excitement of the exploratory expedition is so intoxicating that he is constantly blowing wind into the tattered sails of his leaky boat wishing and hoping that the journey never ends. Alas, this is not one of the cases where it may be better to travel hopefully than arrive. The number of proverbial rats notorious for deserting the sinking ship is increasing by the day. But the tired and bored middle-aged man—no longer resembling the boy who stood on the burning deck whence all but he had fled—appears oblivious of the fire raging below the bridge he commands. Truth be told, RaGa seems more inspired by the illusionist Houdini famous for his vanishing trick. He disappears from the scene of action/the battlefield when needed most. No one can argue that every individual is entitled to his privacy, quality time that must be spent with family and grandma staying in a distant land but when the frequency of short breaks for 'rest and recuperation' begins to look like an incurable addiction then the concern of fellow Indians is understandable.

Rahul Gandhi is no ordinary Indian. He is a member of parliament and for all practical purposes the head of a political party. If he insists on playing a significant role in public life, he must be prepared to trade off some of the blissful moments of privacy. Another piece of advice that might help him even at this late stage is that he should resist the temptation to educate the rest of the world about the history of India, our freedom struggle, salient features of our Constitution and problems of the economy. This should be left to better educated and less arrogant leaders—many are around in the Congress Party. Shashi Tharoor, Jairam Ramesh, Manish Tewari... these names readily spring to mind. But RaGa's family seems terrified by the prospect of any rising star stealing the crown prince's thunder. The man with the anti-Midas touch has single-handedly demolished the Indian National Congress and it's laughable when loyalists plead that this is an internal party matter. The 'Mom and Children Store' suffers from a split personality disorder. Is it a political party or a dynasty on its last legs with its members living in their own echo chambers surrounded by sycophants?

Maybe Rahul seriously believes that whatever poor Indians have got was gifted by his ancestors. But it is difficult to believe that time has stood still since Rajiv was tragically assassinated. Not one but two generations of Indians have grown up who have no memories of the martyrdom of Indira Gandhi and her well-meaning son. Ironically, whenever Congress spokespersons target Modi-Shah of the BJP as authoritarian tyrants, they are inundated by reminders of the Dark Days of Emergency, anti-Sikh riots and dozens of communal riots and suppression of dissent, erosion of institutions when the Nehru-Gandhi clan was in power. PV Narasimha Rao and even Dr Manmohan Singh were treated shabbily by Sonia*ji* and a brash RaGa used to exercise power without responsibility. Sadly, Rahul has learned nothing. Instead of taking on NaMo in Parliament, he chooses to criticise the government on foreign soil. His latest faux pas in London underscores the problem. You may try image makeovers like growing a beard one day, opting for the clean shave next, and exchanging kurta for a bandhgala but you can't acquire gravitas so easily. Sense of entitlement—birthright to rule—is a serious handicap. As long as Rahul or Priyanka strut the stage, the BJP-NDA has nothing to worry about. Opposition unity will remain a distant dream and communal polarisation will continue to play havoc.

Long years ago, Rajiv had talked of limpets who cling on to perks and privileges. Surely, he had no inkling that his descendants would, in the eyes of many compatriots, fit this description.

Why should anyone in his/her right senses waste breath on the Gandhi-Vadra or aim barbs at them? Isn't their presence or absence equally inconsequential? The trouble is that the longer they linger on the political stage easier it is for others to distract people's attention from real problems tormenting them—inflation, unemployment, and crimes against women, Dalits, minorities and the poor. Breakdown of law and order, the judiciary's inhibitions to cross the Lakshman Rekha and inconsistent bail orders add to the list of our woes. RaGa's inept attempts to put an ideological gloss on his utterances can't redeem him from repeated flounders.

Navjot Singh Sidhu was handpicked by him to snub Captain Amarinder Singh. Today, the champion of (canned) laughter challenge is serving time as a convict and the joke is on the man who has a well-deserved reputation as the most gifted stand-up comedian in the country. All we can guarantee is that we will not lack tragic-comic entertainment in the run-up to the Rajya Sabha and Presidential elections.

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India's Ukraine Stand no Deterrent to its Larger Quad Role

BY INVITATION

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China is at the core of Quad's emergence. Its rise, assertiveness, territorial claims, conduct in the East and South China Seas, naval expansion, the maritime "silk road" project, opaque authoritarian system etc. prompted the former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to launch the Quad concept politically as a quadrilateral of democracies to counter China's conduct and ambitions in the Indo-Pacific region.

With China designated as the US's principal adversary, the sharp deterioration of US-Australia bilateral ties, and India's own relations with China nose-diving politically after its aggression in Ladakh, the rationale of Quad has grown in the eyes of the four partners.

Ironically, China is the biggest trade partner of all the four Quad countries. This creates tensions between the security and economic interests of all the four vis-à-vis China. India is in some ways in a more difficult position than the rest as it does not have the cushion of a military alliance with the US, as Japan and Australia do. However, anchoring in the Quad brings India maritime security benefits.

India's position has evolved, becoming more supportive of the Quad, linked to our tensions with China. Although the Malabar maritime exercise, initially with the US, had no link to the Quad and the Indo-Pacific concept, and even now there is no formal linkage between the two, the fact that Japan and then Australia have since joined the Malabar as partners creates that unstated linkage.

More so as India has signed logistic supply agreements with Japan and Australia after the one with the US, which strengthens the maritime security dimension of Quad. Maritime domain awareness has now emerged as a cooperative pillar of Quad, which has implications with regard to Chinese maritime activity in the Indian and Pacific Oceans. At the Quad summit in Tokyo, a new initiative, the Indo-Pacific Partnership for Domain Awareness (IPMDA), has been launched to work with regional information fusion centres in the Indian Ocean, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands.

India now calls the Quad a force for good, a formulation that seeks to downplay its security dimension and counter the propaganda that it is an Asian Nato in gestation which causes concern in the ASEAN which China exploits. It supports a much broader Quad agenda so that Quad strengths can contribute to its own economic development, with opportunities in the domains of investment, critical and emerging technologies, energy transition, digital connectivity, supply chain resilience, anti-Covid vaccines, cybersecurity etc. All these figure in the joint statement issued by the Quad at Tokyo.

At Tokyo, India has demonstrated once again that its independent stand on Ukraine has not stood in the way of stronger understandings within the Quad, despite talk that India will come under pressure on the issue by the US. The joint statement simply refers to the respective responses of the Quad countries to the Ukraine conflict and the humanitarian crisis there.

India has obtained its desired formulation on terrorism in the joint statement, with references to terrorist proxies, cross border attacks, Mumbai and Pathankot, the FATF etc, which puts pressure on Pakistan. India is playing a balancing and constructive role in the Quad in ensuring that its agenda remains broad-based and India's strengths in advancing it in the shared interest of all are recognised.

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THINK

Taming Indian Grey Tsunami

POLICY PUNDIT

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Demographic dividend was the buzzword of the last decade. India reaped the gains. Now, the time bomb is ticking, silently, of an ageing population, and India may soon be staring at the prospects of a grey tsunami.

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) in its 'World Population Prospects 2019' report has projected that India by 2050 will have more people above 60 years of age than those under 14 years. That's less than three decades away. The world in 2018 already had more people above 65 years of age than those under five years. The population trend is global.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set the agenda for India@2047 when the country would celebrate 100 years of independence as part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' with a call for steps that will create global footprints. It's pertinent that the projected 158.7 million senior citizens by 2025 are accorded centrestage with suitable policy tweaks and thrusts.

China is already hit hard by an ageing population and lack of preparedness in the face of demographic changes.

The 52nd round of the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) underlined that half of the senior citizens are fully dependent on others, another 20 percent partially dependent, and 71 percent in the rural areas fall in the marginalised category consisting of women, widows, and the poor.

Migration, driven largely for economic reasons, leaves an empty nest trail, making the senior citizens more vulnerable and insecure. Healthcare advancements and greater access to facilities for wellbeing ensure that people going past 60 years of age shouldn't be looked upon with an eye of sympathy or mercy, but celebrated for their rich contributions while also ensuring that they remain engaged in meaningful and gainful activities.

The Centre and states should begin working on the policy templates to ride the grey tsunami and tame it for the national advantage.

Parliament and the state legislators should hold in-depth discussions to help policy formulation in the right earnest while also taking stakeholders on board.

The lawmakers, policy mandarins and think-tanks should accord priority to addressing the issue and hold discussions in state capitals with the involvement of industry leaders.

The policy interventions that India must embrace essentially should be five-pronged—productivity and engagement, wellbeing, equality, cohesion and security.

To unleash the full economic potential of the senior citizens, their incomes, no strings attached, should be income tax and capital gains tax exempt. This will help India retrieve the vast chunk of the elderly population back into the productive workforce, gaining from their expertise and competencies. At the age of 68 years, Ashok Soota founded Happiest Minds, a multi-billion-dollar Bengaluru-headquartered IT company, and Tata behemoth outshone peers in the last two decades when Ratan Tata was already a senior citizen.

Holistic policy intervention would require a department for the welfare of senior citizens, with the mandate to work as a nodal agency, along with a National Council for Senior Citizens and National Commission for Senior Citizens.

The digital prowess can help create a national database of senior citizens, mapping their competencies, which in turn could give India a rich resource of mentors, who can hand-hold and guide youth in diverse professional walks of life.

National Institute for Social Defence with chapters in all state capitals can be expanded, with larger budgetary allocations and greater student intake to fully utilise services of the senior citizens.

Judiciary and police can be roped in to fast-track cases for senior citizens and set up dedicated cells in each police station.

On the lines of Japan, India can begin working on the concept of 'Time Bank'. Those who care for the senior citizens by visiting and spending time with them will have a matching quantum of time deposited in their personal social security system that could be cashed in on when they become old with youngsters caring for them.

Smart city and local bodies can revisit their charters to ensure that they will take monitorable measures for the employment, skill development, and family integration of senior citizens, besides creating facilities for senior citizens for mental health and overall wellbeing.

Experiences and competencies gained after years of hard work can remain idle only when the opportunity pie is small, but once it becomes large there could be space for each section of the society. That's possible when PM Modi has set a target of a $5 trillion economy. It will be foolhardy to think that the life bridge when it crosses 60 years of age should lead into the times of rest and pilgrimage for the senior citizens, for they are goldmines of a productive economy and also social institutions.

That will be the true celebrations of India@2047.

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Don't Tar All Media with the Same Brush

BY INVITATION

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You know how people constantly, relentlessly, moan about how terrible the media is, how it exists only to spread fake news, how it polarises people?

Well, you know what? India is still a free country, last time I checked. We don't need to consume the kind of media we heap so much contempt on. It's our money, our choice.

My rant comes as I grow sick of the constant scapegoating of the media. It is not my contention even for a minute that much of the mainstream media is operating from a place of responsibility, ethics or decency. Quite the opposite, in fact, as we know. That media is slowly normalising the dissemination of vile content, of fake news, of sensationalism. As people are fed their daily dose, more of them accept what they see, read and hear as the gospel truth, and it usually brings to the surface all the latent bile, leading to acts of aggression, setting the vicious cycle in motion.

It is an indisputable fact that there exist publications and channels that will make up, twist, tweak, downright lie to achieve their TRP targets. This is media that stays true to their political alignments, and truth be damned; they will report the facts but in such a skewed manner that the faithful will be left in no doubt that they need to take to the streets and defend their faith/cause/beliefs.

> All media does not list to the right or the left. All media is not slanted news. All media is not lying media.

However, for every biased media platform, there are a handful (alas, just a handful in these post-truth times) that bravely do what they signed up as journalists to do: report the truth, analyse it in a non-partisan manner, give the readers/viewers a clear idea of what is happening on the ground. They are, in today's times, really brave in flying the banner of objective reporting. It is quite another matter that we the people who have become addicted to our daily dose of hyperbole dismiss them as stodgy, tedious, too content-heavy.

The point to be pointed out here: all media does not list to the right or the left. All media is not slanted news. All media is not lying media.

Which brings me to the second indisputable fact: it's about choice. Who is forcing us to consume sensational news? Who is forcing us to read scurrilous gossip or watch talking heads shouting their heads off on TV?

We know well enough to sift the grain from the chaff; it's just that we enjoy our daily diet of garbage. We have our s**t detectors working just fine; it's just that we easily succumb to the noisy lure of scuttlebutt. We would rather drown our unemployment/inflation/spiralling gas prices sorrows in bursts of vociferous discussion on what filmstars wore at Cannes, why the person pointing out that Hindi is not the national language is an anti-national and suchlike. We would rather look away at what stares us grimly in the face, and seek distractions elsewhere.

But you know what? Ultimately, we are what we consume. We need to think about that, long and hard.

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A Deck of Cards

BY INVITATION

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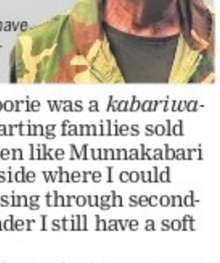

In the 1960s, Mussoorie was a *kabariwala*'s paradise. Departing families sold their junk, which men like Munnakabari peddled on the roadside where I could often be found browsing through second-hand books. No wonder I still have a soft spot for him.

You could catch Munna lost in a game of Rummy, Paplu or Sweep in the bazaar.

'Given your talents,' I'd tease him, 'Shouldn't you have been a wealthy man by now?'

'Belt up Saili *Saab*!' he'd retort. 'A card player's curse is the wait for three aces.'

Come! I'll let you into our dark secret which half the hill station knows about and the other half is sworn to silence: there are some hostelries in the station that await the arrival of the card addicts. Whilst the ladies handle the check-in, the menfolk have just three things on their minds—billiards, booze and cards.

On January 30, 1858, the Australian John Lang writing for Charles Dickens' magazine *Household Words*, describes a visit to Suakholi, six miles away (then in the Rajah of Tehri's territory) where he came upon the largest gambling den he had ever seen: 'In the hostelries or *sarais*, *nautch*-girls would dance the night away,' as the rich and famous (out of Municipal Limits and the grip of the British Raj) gambled fortunes away. According to local lore, a fine summer palace on Camel's Back Road has been lost and won several times over.

Last fall around Diwali time a nudge of Nepali workers gathered at Kingcraig. Among them, one stood out with brand-new clothes draped with marigold garlands.

'He's this season's winner of *mang-patta*,' a bystander tells me. 'It's wrap-up time when one chap takes it all. The rest must wait till next year!' Winners keepers! Losers weepers!

In the 1970s, the Mussoorie Co-operative Club (now derelict and abandoned) was a gathering place for professional gamers. Foremost among them was a contractor from the abutting hills. 'He'd arrive with two briefcases: one empty, the other stuffed with cash!' says Sitab Singh, the bartender. 'He'd leave only after they were either both full or both empty!'

A hundred and more years later, another gambling den sprang up at what we, out of reasons of politeness, can only refer to as *Chachi*'s house. Rather amply endowed, fair, grey-eyed *Chachi* ran an open house for card-lovers in a little room above her vegetable store, where the long, the short and the tall gathered, hoping to make a killing. But *Chachi* had a few tricks up her own sleeves—whenever she got a bad hand she would pretend to drop something—distracting the others into losing a perfectly winnable hand.

When she passed away at ripe old age, two of her admirers wept inconsolably. Easygoing *Chacha* did his best to console them. Looking as convincing as a three-rupee note, he put his arms around them, whispering soothingly: 'Don't worry! In a few months, I'll marry again.'

'That's all right for you,' they cried. 'But what will we do today?'

I wasn't in the least surprised when, in tribute to her manifold talents, the bazaar downed its shutters for her funeral.

Here's hoping that next time around our card lovers will be dealt an even better hand.

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Bridge Too Near

The advent of invisible braces and the increasing influence of social media encourage a large number of adults to explore cosmetic orthodontic procedures

By NOOR ANAND CHAWLA

When Kirti Khullar's domestic help returned after her annual leave, she was shocked to see her employee wearing braces. As a 37-year-old surviving on the meagre income of hired help, Khullar wondered why she had decided to take this step. With some probing, it came out that the influence of her friends and a desire to perfect her smile for social media selfies had led her to the clinic of a quack dentist located in the bylanes of Andheri in Mumbai, who promised to do an efficient job at the ridiculously low price of ₹35,000. Once she overcame the shock, Khullar—who had worn braces as a teenager—realised that her employee was being taken for a ride and decided to take her to a better dentist. "Initially, I wondered why she felt the need for braces at this age and at her present stage in life. Then it dawned on me that she's earning her own money, and this was perhaps a long-held desire she felt she could finally fulfil," explains Khullar.

A paucity of knowledge about cosmetic orthodontic procedures coupled with the lack of funds and the fear of what people will say, ensured that braces were relegated to a cosmetic procedure pursued only by teenagers with crooked teeth. Things have come a long way since then, with a significantly larger proportion of adults now opting for these procedures, compared to adolescents, according to a study published in the *International Journal of Dentistry and Oral Science* in 2020.

Dr Karishma Khosla, Senior Dentist at Dr Khosla's Dental Clinic, Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi, and Gurugram, shares, "Over the past few years there is greater awareness amongst adults regarding orthodontic correction. Most adults thought that once they crossed their teens that orthodontic correction of misaligned teeth will not be possible. There was also great hesitation in getting traditional braces due to poor aesthetics of metal brackets and wires, and due to a number of food restrictions with traditional braces. With the advent of clear dental aligners, there has been a huge increase in the number of adults wanting to get their smiles corrected."

Invisible aligners, a popular variant of which is known as Invisalign, have certainly proved a game-changer. Priyank Kapadia from Pune shares that his protruding teeth had robbed him of the courage to speak to girls. Even those he met through his parents for matrimonial purposes, would reject him for his acute shyness. Then at age 32, emboldened by ads he saw of actress Parineeti Chopra flaunting her 1000-watt smile after an Invisalign treatment, he decided to correct this problem. In a matter of just eight months, not only had his teeth retracted, the shape of his mouth and jaw had changed, giving him a more chiselled appearance and in turn the confidence he lacked when it came to approaching members of the opposite sex. Dr Brij Sabharwal, private dental practitioner and Past President Indian Dental Association, Delhi, explains, "More and more people are gravitating towards 'invisible' braces. They are also a more comfortable and hygienic option for the patient, require shorter and fewer appointments and their results are very promising. It is easier to get used to wearing options like Invisalign, as it fulfils almost all the patients' aesthetic demands, while providing the same results."

Though traditionally braces were used as corrective devices for problems relating to a bad bite, gaps in teeth and other issues; with the advent of globalisation and in more recent years, social media, they are increasingly being used for cosmetic purposes. Dr Namrata Rupani, Founder and CEO of Capture Life Dental Care in Hyderabad, highlights, "Social media has played a huge role in increasing the popularity of cosmetic orthodontic treatments in India.

From celebrities to social media influencers, the rise in the acceptance of adult orthodontic procedures is largely due to the understanding of their long term dental benefits." She asserts that this awareness has helped remove the stigma of wearing braces. "Even in social circles, wearing braces and aligners is considered fashionable, which is why cosmetic dentistry is a growing dental segment," she asserts.

Cosmetic orthodontics may suddenly be considered de rigueur but Dr Khosla offers a word of caution against using DIY aligners without the supervision of a trained clinician, as these can do more harm than good.

No matter what your age or intention may be, achieving the perfect smile must be left to the experts.

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WHY MORE ADULTS OPTING FOR COSMETIC ORTHODONTIC TREATMENTS

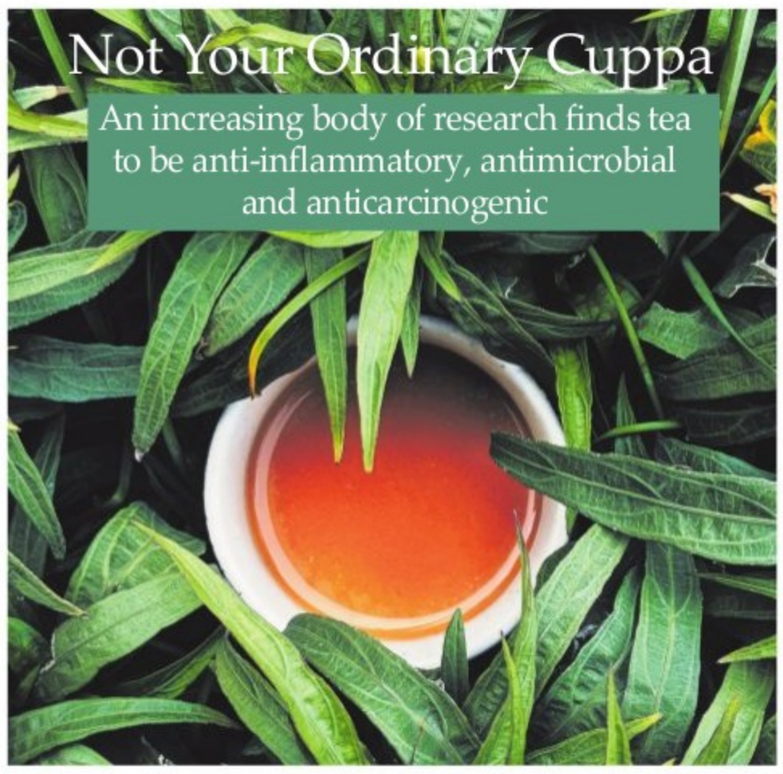
- Desire to improve the appearance of one's teeth
- Influence of social media
- Improvement in technology such as adoption of artificial intelligence and 3D printing, which have made orthodontic treatments faster and more accessible
- Advent of clear dental aligners like Invisalign which are nearly invisible

and can be removed while eating and brushing, leading to no food restrictions and better oral hygiene
- Awareness of the benefits of orthodontic procedures in maintaining overall oral health
- Quick way to change facial appearance as the cheeks, jawline and mouth also undergo changes
- Desire to be considered fashionable by wearing braces, especially invisible aligners, in their social circles

FEEL

Not Your Ordinary Cuppa

An increasing body of research finds tea to be anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial and anticarcinogenic



By AYESHA SINGH

Big traditions sometimes have small beginnings. A case in point is the famous British tea-drinking tradition. Little did Anna, the seventh Duchess of Bedford, know back in 1840, that her simple request for tea to shed the afternoon torpor would one day become a ritual. She also did not know what tea-drinking would one day graduate from mere social activity to a health-inducing one.

Tea can help prevent cancer, dementia, and heart disease among others. Flavonoids present in tea have anti-inflammatory properties, especially in green tea. It promotes cellular antioxidant enzyme activity, thus preventing the cells from oxidative stress. The longer you steep these plant chemicals into your tea, the more benefit you draw.

Doesn't matter whether it is white, green, brown or black, all offer individual benefits. "Tea leaves contain phytochemicals (compounds that are produced by plants) that are believed to protect cells from damage. These are believed to be antimicrobial and anticarcinogenic. Of course, the role of tea cannot be seen in isolation. It has to be in addition to lifestyle and dietary factors. Having said that, flavonoids reduce inflammation triggered by allergens, toxins and environmental irritants. Flavonoids can assist in blood pressure management too," says Uttarakhand-based tea sommelier Ruchi Wadhwa. People who consumed higher levels of flavonoids routinely were at a lower risk of experiencing a cardiovascular event, according to the findings of a study titled 'dietary flavonoid intake and cardiovascular risk: a population-based' published in the *Journal of Translational Medicine*.

In another report, the benefits of green tea are highlighted. A greater consumption can significantly reduce cardiovascular disease. In a large cohort study titled, 'tea and coffee consumption and cardiovascular morbidity and mortality,' consumption of tea, mainly black tea of three to six cups, was associated not only with a reduced risk of cardiovascular disease mortality but also with a higher educational level, higher physical activity, healthier diet, and lower prevalence of smoking, hypercholesterolemia and diabetes.

Need more reason to get that tea brewing?

Food description	Total flavonoids (mg/100ml)
Tea, black, brewed prepared with tap water	119
Tea, black, brewed prepared with tap water, decaffeinated	58
Tea, green, brewed	133
Green tea, brewed, decaffeinated	70
Tea, oolong, brewed	52
Tea, green, ready-to-drink	14

Healthandtea.com/tea-flavonoids/

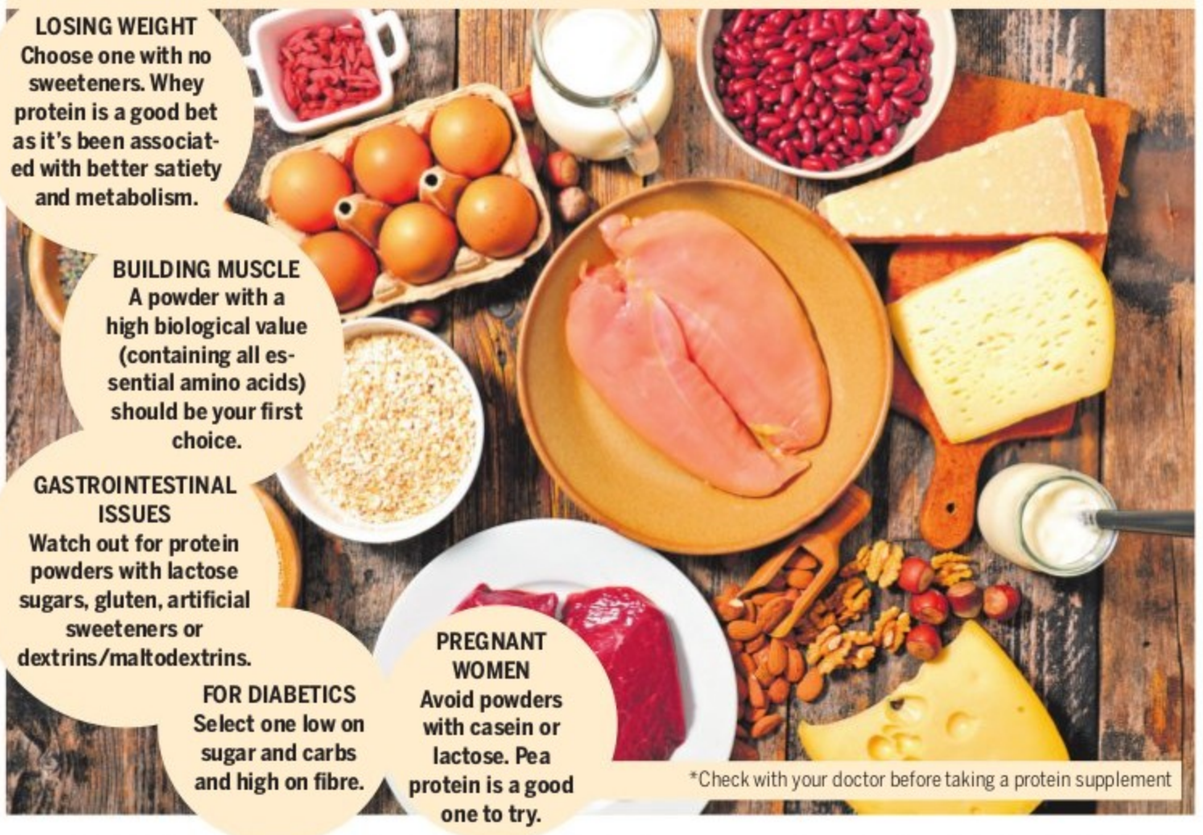
FIT BIT

RESTORATIVE RETREAT

There is an increasing demand for yoga and medication among working professionals, according to Divine Soul Yoga (DSY), a multi-modal alternative therapy-led wellness retreat and research centre. The people in the age group of 25-50 and the population can be dissected into a 60 percent female to 40 percent males, mostly living in New Delhi, Chandigarh and Hoshiarpur. DSY's personalised and restorative wellness programmes treat hypertension, thyroid, PCOD, diabetes, insomnia, and back and joint pain. "A lot more people are suffering from stress and anxiety, sleep disorders and hormonal issues today," says Dr Deepak Mittal, the founder of the retreat. The institute's restorative therapies are helping individuals decompress. In the retreat, the mental and physical strength of attendees is boosted with the mindful practice of authentic yoga, laughter therapy and other restorative healing practices. The programme is beginner-friendly.
For more: Divinesoulyoga.nl

Protein Power

Protein is one of the greatest sources of energy. Made of amino acids, it builds and repairs muscles and bones and makes hormones such as estrogen, thyroid, insulin and others. Many times, a protein deficiency is not fixed with natural sources, however, powders can help. "But before you try one, it is important to know which one to take based on your needs," says Sonipath-based professional bodybuilder Sanjeev Tokas. Here are his suggestions.



*Check with your doctor before taking a protein supplement

PRODUCT REVIEW

Tress Tease

It's summer packed into a bottle. Nish Hair perfume packs in bergamot and caramel as top notes, sandalwood and musk in the middle, and vanilla and patchouli are the base notes. The result is a sublime, fresh, effervescent fragrance that lingers in your hair day after day.

The hair perfume is particularly useful for those who stay out in the sun or travel a lot. A quick spritz later, you feel refreshed again. The bottle is lightweight and hence, easy to carry, even in a small bag.

As for its care benefits, it doesn't offer many. Anti-frizz is mentioned as a feature but it lasts only till you're in cold weather. As soon as you step out into warmer temperatures, the frizz creeps back. Another of the brand's claims is that the perfume provides moisturisation, but take that with a pinch of salt.

—Ayesha Singh

Nish Hair perfume
Price: ₹1,299
★★★★☆
Availability: Nishhair.com

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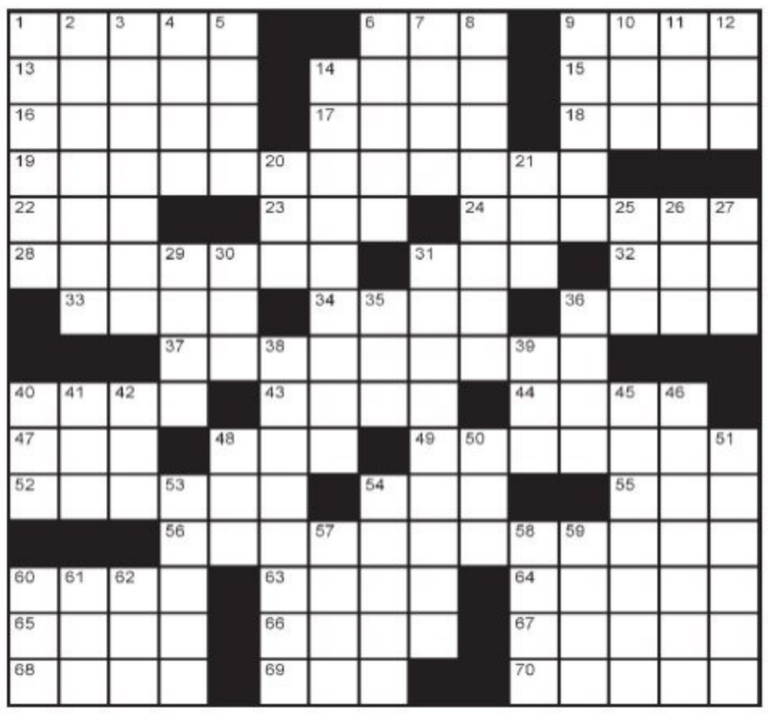

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13 Ancient counting devices
14 Caffeine-rich nut
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18 Sunburn soother
19 Lysol, Clorox and Pledge, to a German language learner?
22 GPS guess
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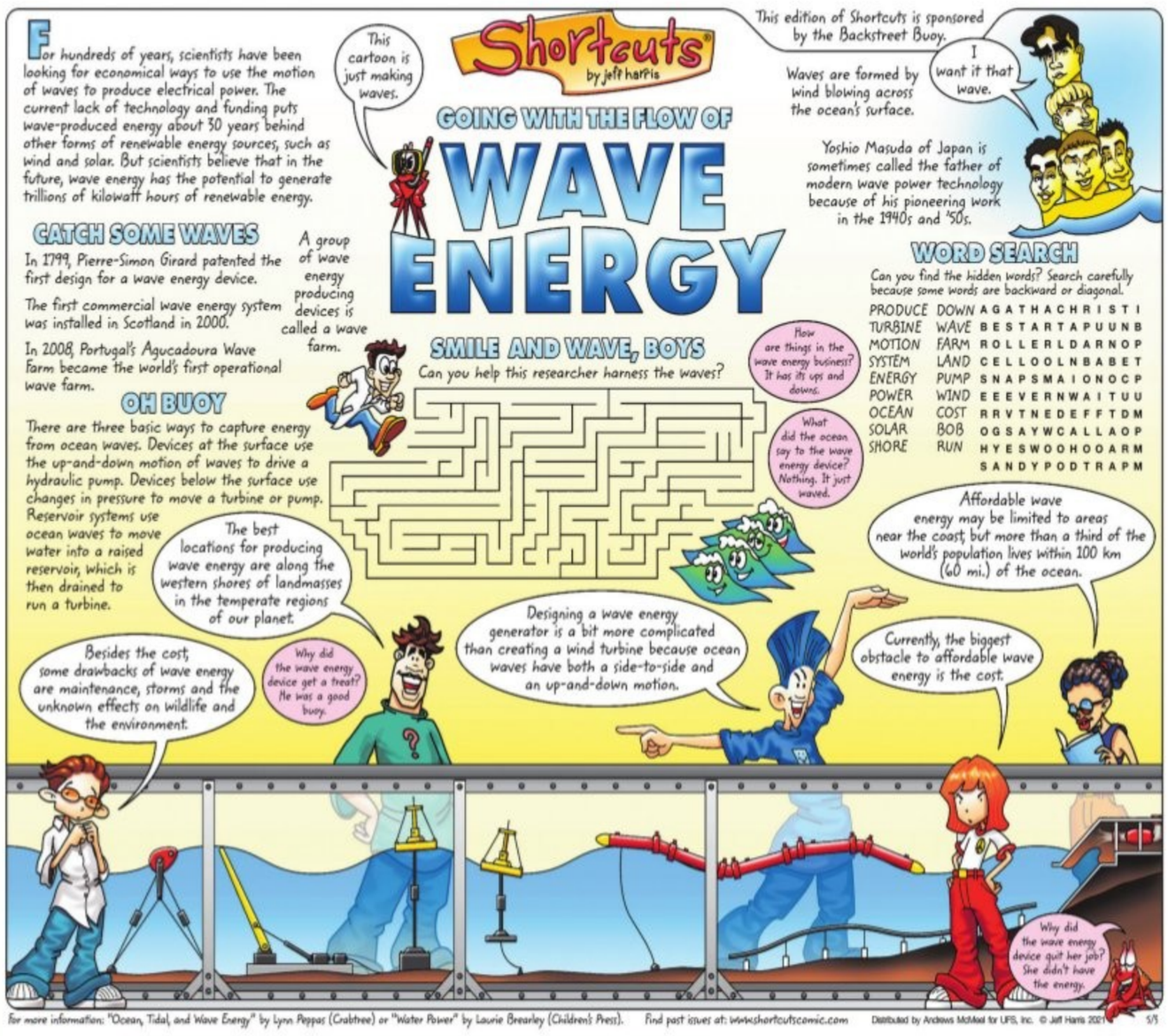
62 Fitting

Solution to last week's puzzle in the bottom right corner of the page



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Test your number crunching with our unique 2-in-1 puzzle

Fill in the grid with digwits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any. Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing

QUESTION TIME
by Lalitha Balakrishnan

1. Khadi watches have been launched by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, in association with?
(a) Fossil
(b) Casio
(c) Titan
2. What is the fear of death called?
(a) Dysmorphophobia
(b) Cynophobia
(c) Thanatophobia
3. First item on the McDonald's menu?
(a) Sandwiches
(b) French Fries
(c) Beef Hamburgers
4. PET is among plastics that are important for everyday life. Expand PET.
(a) Polyethylene Terephthalate
(b) Plastic Ethylene Terephthalate
(c) Plastic Elastic Terephthalate
5. Dronacharya Award is awarded in which category annually?
(a) Manager
(b) Coach
(c) Captain
6. Which company has launched the Viroprotek brand of sanitisers recently?
(a) MRF
(b) Asian Paints
(c) L&T
7. The first country to incorporate climate change and sustainable development in its school curriculum?
(a) Italy
(b) Sweden
(c) Denmark
8. Desolate refers to?
(a) Bare, barren, empty
(b) Frustrated, upset, angry
(c) Slowly, leisurely, measuredly
9. Who wrote *Wuthering Heights*?
(a) Anne Bronte
(b) Emily Bronte
(c) Patrick Branwell
10. Nikhat Zareen is a gold medalist in?
(a) Wrestling
(b) Boxing
(c) Badminton

Answers to last week's questions
1. b, 2. a, 3. a, 4. c, 5. a, 6. b, 7. b, 8. b, 9. c, 10. a

Winners
Suchith - Hyderabad
Pradeep TP - Kerala
Anil Gaynar - New Delhi
R Thangavelu - Karnataka
Sushree Sulava - Odisha

Answers to this week's questions will appear next week. Only entries with all correct answers sent before Wednesday noon will be considered for prizes.

Email your answers along with your name, phone number and complete address to sundayquiz@newindianexpress.com. For example, if the answer for Question No. 1 is A, it should be written as 1. A. Please mention QT and the issue date in MM/DD/YY format (for example, QT, April 25, 2021) in the subject line of the email. Only entries with these details will be considered for prizes.

FIVE ALL-CORRECT ENTRIES WILL WIN THE BOOK, *THE GOENKA LETTERS: AGONY AND ECSTACY IN THE INDIAN EXPRESS*

ARE YOU THE PERFECT MATCH?

1. You're in the bathroom and reach for the toothpaste. Your reaction?
(A) Ah! S/he's cleaned the sink.
(B) Oh. The cap's missing.
(C) Aaargh! There's toothpaste all over the basin.
2. It's breakfast time, and you're in charge of the food. Do you?
(A) Prepare the same things for both of you.
(B) Prepare the same breakfast, with some variation.
(C) Prepare different breakfasts.
3. You and your partner want to go and see a film. What happens?
(A) You end up not going out because you can't decide on a film.
(B) You make a compromise.
(C) You both want to see the same.
4. You are at a party and meet somebody very interesting. Do you?
(A) Draw them away from your partner. Introducing them would be embarrassing.
(B) Introduce your partner in the fullness of time.
(C) Introduce them to your partner immediately.
5. You open a present from your partner. The wrapping paper is off. What do you do?
(A) Scream with delight.
(B) Look pleased (even if you are not).
(C) Ask for the receipt so you can return it to the shop.
6. You are preparing the dinner. During this process, are you?
(A) Fairly confident that your partner will be appreciative.
(B) Angry in anticipation. S/he'll hate it.
(C) Happy - S/he'll love it.
7. You're out with your mother and partner and she makes a remark about your partner's weight. Then?
(A) You feel bad, but have a laugh about it afterwards.
(B) Your partner storms off.
(C) You cling to your partner's hand in an attempt to protect him/her.
8. You buy your partner an item of clothing. What is his/her reaction likely to be based on past experience?
(A) Delight.
(B) Horror.
(C) Cautious pleasure.
9. When your partner walks in through the door, what is the most likely remark you might make?
(A) Where have you been.
(B) Did you get the shopping.
(C) Hello darling.
10. It's Sunday morning. Are you?
(A) Having a lie-in and cuddles.
(B) Having a lie-in and breakfast.
(C) Kicking your partner out of bed so that you can have a lie-in without having to listen to his/her irritating breathing noises.

HOW TO SCORE:

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What your score means:
0-30: You and your partner are the perfect match. You fit each other like a hand in a well-worn glove. All your friends are envious of this ideal relationship; if you have any friends left, that is. The only problem about being perfect together is that there is seldom room for anybody else. You might try to enlarge your social horizons, together of course. **35-70:** You and your partner are very well matched. There's the odd firework, but few relationships survive the ups and downs of life completely unscathed. Basically, you are good together and even when times are bad, you know it. Hang in there. **75-100:** You and your partner are about as far from the perfect match as it's possible to be. How you ever got together is a mystery, and why you are sticking together is probably the gossip of all your friends. It's time you both took a long hard look at your relationship. If it's worth saving, there is work to be done. And fast.
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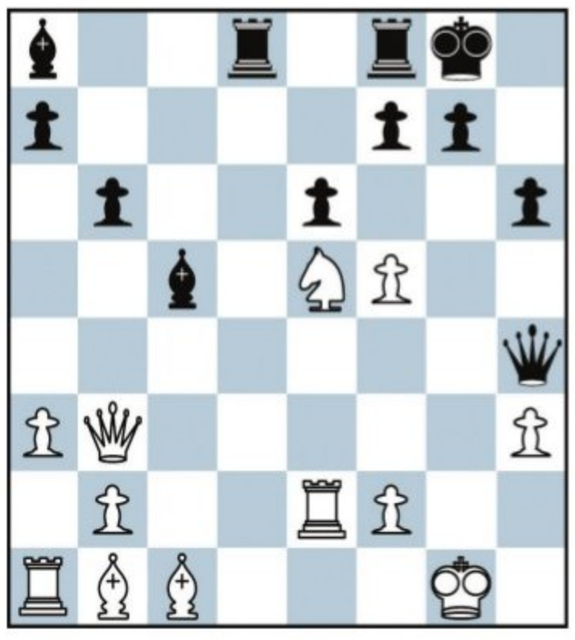

SOLUTION: 1. Qg3+! (if 2. Kf1 Qg2+ 3. Ke1 Qg1 mate) 2. Qxg3 Rd1+ 3. Re1 Rxe1+ 4. Kh2 Rh1 mate.

BLACK TO PLAY AND WIN

In a dramatic final day, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave stole the thunder, winning the Superbet Classic in the Romanian capital of Bucharest. The French No 2 showed steely nerves, winning the three-player rapid playoff, prevailing over Wesley So and Levon Aronian (2-0) to seal the first leg of the 2022 Grand Chess Tour. After outwitting compatriot Alireza Firouzja in the ninth and final round, the World Blitz champion tied for the top spot with So and Aronian (all 5.5/9), which resulted in a playoff for the crown. This victory was reminiscent of Vachier-Lagrave's come from behind title triumph at the World Blitz Championship last year in Warsaw. Vachier Lagrave gained 10 rating points and had the best performance rating of 2843! The 31-year-old earned 10 GCT points for his success. So and Aronian took home 10 GCT points for their impressive performances. Romanian No 1 Bogdan-Daniel Deac made a mark, finishing joint fourth with Fabiano Caruana and Richard Rapport (all 4.5), which also included a victory over higher-ranked Richard Rapport.

VACHIER-LAGRAVE-CARUANA (SUPERBET CLASSIC, BUCHAREST)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Nxe4 6. d4 b5 7. Bb3 d5 8. dxe5 Be6 9. c3 Bc5 10. Nbd2 O-O 11. Bc2 Nxf2 12. Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13. Kxf2 f6 14. Nf1 fxe5 15. Kg1 Qd7 16. Bg5 Rae8 17. Qd2 d4 18. Ng3 h6 19. Bh4 dxc3 20. Qxc3 Rxf3 21. gxf3 Nd4 22. Bd1 Rf8 23. Ne4 Bc4 24. Kg2 Rf4 25. Be1 Qf5 26. Nd2 e4 27. Bg3 exf3+ 28. Kf2 Rg4 29. Nxc4 bxc4 30. Bxf3 Nxf3 31. Qxf3 Qc2+ 32. Qe2 Qf5+ 33. Kg1 h5 34. Rf1 Qg6 35. Kh1 h4 36. Bxc7 h3 37. Qf3 Qd3 38. Be5 Rg2 39. Bc3 1-0.

SUDOKU I TODAY'S SOLUTION

Evil Sudoku

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Hard Sudoku

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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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GARFIELD by Jim Davis

PEANUTS by Charles M Schulz

DO JUST ONE THING
BY DANNY SEO

Before it gets chilly outside, take a moment to walk around the house and inspect all the heater vents in your home. Make sure none of them are blocked or closed. That may sound simple and silly, but these things can happen over the course of the year, when people move furniture or accidentally bump a vent closed while vacuuming. Make sure there's ample room around the vent to allow for maximum efficiency when you do need to keep the chill out of the room this winter.

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS by Arun Ramkumar

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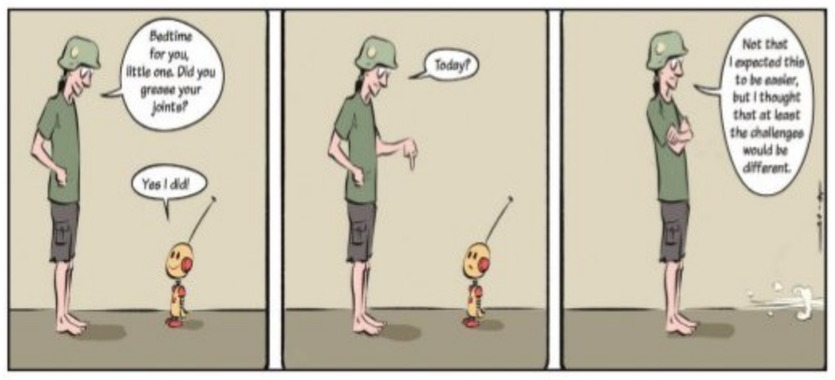

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TODAY 29.05.2022

Year: Shubhakrut.
Vaikasi: Thei Pirai.
Vaishakh: Krishna Paksha.
Tithi: Chaturdashi till 14-56 hrs.
Nakshatra (Star): Krittika Ahoratra.
Moon in Mesh till 11-16 hrs.
Today is Krittikai.
Yamagantam: 12 noon to 01.30 pm
Gulikakalam: 03.00 pm to 04.30 pm

BIRTH STONES GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

Gemini is considered to be the third sign of astrology. It is an effective sun sign; mercury is acknowledged to be the ruling planet of Gemini ascendant. Besides this, mercury is the ruler of gemstone pearl, so wearing pearl as birthstone can influence the life of a native substantially. Consequently, it has been advised to an ascendant of Gemini to don this gemstone to secure the positive results being offered by moon stone or pearl stone. The pearl gemstone is affiliated with the planet moon which shares cordial relation with the ruling planet of Gemini, mercury. Hence, being adopted in the form of birthstone ring, necklace or bracelet can bestow immense benefits to its user. This gemstone offers enormous benefits to its user such as good health, wisdom, peace, intellect and wealth. Being the jewel of the sea, Pearl basically gives us the message of fruitful transmutation.

ASTROGAZE

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WHAT TO EXPECT, HOW TO COPE WITH IT

LOVE **RELATIONSHIPS** WORK HEALTH MONEY

ARIES

You surge past vulnerability and frailties. The mind seeks clarity while it rummages through the reasons and excuses people provide. A thaw in a strained marriage ends an impasse. You inadvertently stir up envy as people worry about your now 'stronger base' of allies. A friend takes the high road and you let them 'stew in their own juice'. Sibling rivalry over working together results in a bootcamp for discipline and divided loyalty. A 'wine and cheese' soiree has someone air the skeletons in the family closet.

TAURUS

A feeling is hard to verbalise. You sense hidden agendas or superficiality. Ice breakers turn into reset buttons. A sibling advises you to embrace a clean slate and patch up with estranged relatives. A senior frowns on lifestyle choices out of genuine concern but you assure them of your wellbeing. An internet introduction is a smokescreen for entrapment. A marriage looks to stabilize rather than de-couple. Family ties show tenacity as a triangle or affair ends. Sundowners and writing memoirs prove interesting.

GEMINI

A social do turns into a 'tournament'. You sense someone trying to overreach or manipulate. Friends build a moat around your interests and prevent an interloper from getting ahead. A childhood friend arrives with happy tales and a favour to ask. A seducer tries a novel marketing spiel but you buy only what is right for you. Singles sense the overbearing ways of an acquaintance and make a discrete departure. A youngster is irreverent at his/her own risk. A 'quad' group of friends dining out proves fun.

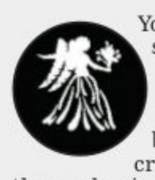
CANCER

A beloved goes under the radar leaving you to fret. Long distance relationships oscillate between psychobabble and stony silence. Some wonder how to drop the 'break up bomb' when they were the insistent pursuers in the first place. A gift is cherished for both gesture and value. An in-law uses pressure tactics to 'set the proper course' for a love story. An opportunist is shown the door. Love is resuscitated by an act of selflessness or compassion. Sporting events, games and professional competitions help unite.

LEO

A pawn in a battle of wits; you tire of being quoted and misquoted. An in-law is whimsical and seeks to sever pleasurable ties for 'feeling used'. A spouse displays unexpected generosity that bolsters your spirit. Elopements and runaway weddings are traded for quiet, civil and simple ceremonies. You crave the advice of friends and family. Someone borrows an electronic item only to render it unfit for use. A boss creates an unnecessary issue with a colleague and expects you to applaud. Pot luck or pool-in parties end isolation.

VIRGO

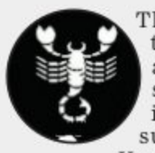


You meet your match in someone skilled and highly aware of their worth. A race has you bend every rule in the book. A friendship that crumbled is rebuilt. Old or thorny business is settled on very acceptable terms. You shed your reserve with someone but stop short of tuning your home into an open house. A new acquaintance hopes to receive affection without investing time, effort, commitment or money. A collaboration takes a new form to everyone's surprise. Concerts and pop up shows are a pleasant backdrop to rekindling ties.

LIBRA

You tour a virtual space for a friend-for-all-seasons. A work associate gets ruffled for the tiniest of reasons and you tire of figurative 'hand-holding'. Divorcees find someone come on too strong, too early. In-laws expect quid-pro-quo and good manners. A precondition is the equivalent of a pre-nup and has you see red. Kids long for a pet and hold you to ransom for one. A parent delights in a gift born out of their wishful thinking. Ancestral property is eyed by a new but bonafide claimant. Nature walks, mountain trails and art fests help bond.

SCORPIO



The 'age of innocence' returns to romance. Gone are the games of jealousy, sting operations, scrolling through phones and supplanting favourites. You accept that you have an attractive partner and stay secure. The arrival of an ex piques your curiosity but doesn't shatter the household. Kids expect you to play protector rather than friend. You treat foibles of youth as plain immaturity. An arranged match vanishes abruptly without the courtesy of a formal goodbye. Book clubs and comic cons are fun distractions.

SAGITTARIUS

A straightforward chat turns into a power play of negotiations. Some gawk at the histrionics of a missing-in-action relative who now claims undying love for family. Support staff make a demand that borders on unreasonable. A trip is deferred to expand the entourage. A neighbour's best interests prove to be the way forward for yourself. A proposal is confused with a proposition and an admirer is snubbed. Watching family play a 'game of thrones' to find a successor, beats all other entertainment.

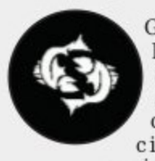
CAPRICORN

Scaling down your search for love; you make your debut post hiatus in polite circles only. Anonymous adoration is flattering but you fret about perverts. An office acquaintance goes behind your back to engage with a troublemaker. Bosses are struck with shallow praise rather than consistent loyalty. A marriage under strain does a rethink keeping old passion in mind. Fame arrives unexpectedly with a lover's spat in the public domain. Restrain, you discover, is better than remorse. A family get-together helps a sibling get their act together.

AQUARIUS

You hold a mirror up to others. You look for those who share your values, tastes or even comfort zones. A turnaround in family ties has you prove your mettle and competence. A trip is cut short to solve a crisis. Launch of a pet project monopolises your time. A partner imagines you are behaving slippery to get out of a commitment. Timing proves to be your success mantra in a courtship. An agent provocateur gets under your skin only to put you in someone's bad books. Hill vacations bring life and respite to ties.

PISCES



Greater understanding has you bury the hatchet and end a war. Assets are split with ego and cordiality intact. Gossip circles the block. You avoid muddying the waters with a clandestine affair. A partner wants you to speak up for them and cover up a mistake. An elder worries about someone letting him/her down in money matters. A call for assistance has you play knight in shining armour. A youngster is put off by someone's 'solo-poly' status in trying to look cool. A philanthropic gesture gives a remarkable feel-good.

THE WEEK AHEAD Peter Vidal

ARIES

Mar 21-Apr 20: As far as the fundamental planetary picture is concerned, there is little change from last month or, come to that, from the month before. Jupiter is still occupying a friendly position and Saturn a suitably challenging one. You are therefore still in the middle of a profound long-term change.

TAURUS

Apr 21-May 21: Your relationships are coloured by those delightful celestial bodies, Mars and Venus. The former encourages you to go out and seek partnerships, while the latter makes you attractive to other people. Now that these two planets are in such a mutually supportive aspect you may expect nothing but the best.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21: The Sun and the Moon are now at that time of the year when they challenge you to do only your best - and absolutely nothing less. You may therefore feel that events are slipping out of your control, especially if a partner refuses to take your advice or appears apparently unconcerned about your plans and desires.

CANCER

June 22-July 23: You're still in a crusading mood, but you're probably bemused by confusing indications: some developments seem to be holding out the prospect of untold success, others are presenting you with a series of delays and obstacles. It's a real case of the carrot and the stick, but you never quite know which is coming next.

LEO

July 24-Aug 23: Could you be facing a revolution at home? If at all possible, do try to turn events to your advantage by dealing with the real root-cause of any recent conflicts. This may require a complete rethink of your domestic aspirations, including the questions of where you want to live and who you want to live with.

VIRGO

Aug 24-Sept 23: The majority of your planets are stimulating the private sectors of your solar horoscope, suggesting that it will be personal concerns that dominate your thinking. You'll be keen to establish yourself as an individual and will resent anyone who lumps you in as part of a group. Mind you, there is much to be said for financial collaboration.

LIBRA

Sept 24-Oct 23: It's a mixed moment, with much to be said for romantic initiatives. The current period is very important for those of you engaged in the property market, perhaps now considering taking a leap into the dark and buying a first home. The signs are that events could move quickly, but also that there are a number of pitfalls along the way.

SCORPIO

Oct 24-Nov 22: Mars and Pluto, your two planetary rulers, are making emotional as well as practical demands on your time. You will therefore be utterly unprepared to compromise or see anyone else's point of view yet, if so, you must also be prepared for their strong reactions!

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23-Dec 22: If we're considering your emotions the question is, how can you positively improve your own moods and shape events to your will? Well, for a start you can bring out your intellectual qualities, analysing your motives, questioning partners' actions and searching for the real meaning behind innocent situations.

CAPRICORN

Dec-23 Jan 20: The mingling of intense, energetic and optimistic Martian alignments with magic Venusian and Mercurial patterns continues apace. The result is that all emotional battles should be easily won. It will be a foolhardy person who takes you on under the impression that you will do anything to avoid a fight.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21-Feb19: You're being pulled in two directions. The major gulf lies between your tremendous ambition and outgoing sociable qualities on the one hand and a profound desire to be left alone in peace and quiet on the other. You may fluctuate between the two or you may put your driving ambition behind selfless charitable enterprise.

PISCES

Feb 20-Mar 20: That militant planet Mars is stirring up your emotions. However, try and find a positive cause to fight for rather than slugging it out with folks who have done nothing wrong. On the lighter side, Jupiter's presence all but guarantees your emotional happiness. Every generous gesture now will repay dividends in the future.

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With the wrapping up of the month with the new Moon or Amavasya in Taurus, Jupiter and Mars will be in close degree conjunction and at war in Pisces. Like all planetary wars, this could be impulsive, triggering health issues and challenging conditions in general. It is all the more difficult when planets are hemmed by two strong malefics on either side. Jupiter is the planet of expansion as well as a magnifier, and Mars is the planet of war. Combined, it could make things seem more important than they are. One must stay cautious of the current transit as the next journey of Mars is going to be in Aries with Rahu. Their togetherness will likely blow things out of proportion. Propaganda and controversies will arise.

Since the beginning of April, Jupiter in Pisces has been expanding our emotional and spiritual connection with the divine. At the same time, the influence of other planets is creating confusion, duality and doubts. It will remain just like this for the next year. Jupiter in the next sign Aries will bring focused, determined and competitive energy.

Mercury is going direct tomorrow but the shadow phase will continue for some time. The week is ending with Saturn going retrograde. Much of its retrograde is going to be in Dhanishtha nakshatra, ruled by Mars, and has very active energy. Saturn retrograde means that now it is closer to the earth and directs us to take care of our health, be disciplined and be prepared to work more than usual. Ultimately, Saturn is teaching us to be more responsible towards our duties or our karmas. The more thoughtful we are of planetary transit positions, the less suffering we will have to face.

Saturn energy will manifest more on days ruled by Mars and Saturn ie. Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Saturn rules the present Vedic year, which is dominated by law courts and legal battles for India. Ketu is moving on India's natal Jupiter at very close degrees in the sixth house. This rules the religious world, the legal world, national/state religion, priests, divine beings etc. Pluto transiting in the ninth house of India is making things prominent and has already overburdened the judiciary on many religious matters. The Gyanvapi case, and other such incidents, came into existence just when Rahu and Ketu started afflicting India's eighth and 11th lord, Jupiter. Venus, the lagna lord, is also with Rahu in the 12th house transit and in fiery Aries to make matters conflicting and worse for the country. Rahu is extreme and even though Rahu and Venus are friends, Rahu is restricting many of the good effects of Venus.

This short transit will end on June 18. In Taurus from 18th June till 13th July, Venus has a lot of strength and will be progressive in matters related to finance and public affairs.

YOUR FORTUNE THIS WEEK Amarakosha

What the planets say about your prospects for wealth, romance and professional success in the next seven days

ARIES (Mar 21–Apr 19)
Work: You turn volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity into an advantage. The employer's competitor offers the salaried a job in exchange for classified info. Think before making any decision.
Money: Financial discipline tends to drop; you may encounter scammers while shopping online.
Couples: Together you overcome tough challenges.
Singles: Those who have no one may not be interested in romance at all.

TAURUS (Apr 20–May 20)
Work: You are creative, proactive, and productive, and if you're stuck in a difficult situation, chances are you'll get out of it.
Money: You make, manage, and save as planned.
Couples: Both are having a good time together. Those who are expecting pregnancy get good news. Wedding plans go well.
Singles: Your popularity goes up unexpectedly and many people fall for you.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20)
Work: Workload rises. Lots of opportunities come your way and you gain more trust and respect.
Money: You are busy earning. If you look for a new income channel or funding source, you will find it.
Couples: You both understand each other more than ever. For those of you who are trying to be accepted by your families, the effort will bear fruit.
Singles: Someone older falls for you. A good friend acts as a matchmaker, introducing someone with a great profile.

CANCER (June 21–July 22)
Work: Someone may not keep their word, making you deviate from what you had planned earlier.
Money: You turn challenges into opportunities: a new income source opens; a lucky draw win or an inheritance is on the cards.
Couples: You spend quality time together.
Singles: Dating online for some time? It's time to meet in person. Singles bump into their prospective date on social media.

LEO (July 23–Aug 22)
Work: You face winds of change; your protector is no longer in power.
Money: Don't be lavish as lots of unexpected expenses will crop up.
Couples: Bonding is strong despite fewer sweet moments. You support each other.
Singles: You have a rival or the family of your date may not agree to the relationship. Singles meet an expat or someone totally different background.

VIRGO (Aug 23–Sept 22)
Work: You are more intuitive and productive. Women gain trust and respect, and rise to the top.
Money: Good news or a gift comes from someone you didn't expect. People keep their words.
Couples: A colleague/social media friend of those who are married, signal they want to go beyond their current relationship; you know the answer.
Singles: Announce the relationship if you are secretly dating someone.

LIBRA (Sept 23–Oct 22)
Work: Some errors happen due to backstabbing, but you overcome them and learn a lesson for a lifetime.
Money: Not easy to make money but the earning cheers you up. Investors need to cut losses.
Couples: Less family time and your spouse discovers a secret but you cope with it.
Singles: Focus more on career or study, no room for dating activities. The ones who have been trying to find an asexual partner are successful.

SCORPIO (Oct 23–Nov 21)
Work: Solo tasks are okay for you but group tasks are the cause of your headache.
Money: You are extravagant. Avoid creating credit card debt. A scammer is after you.
Couples: An unexpected trip brings you both closer. Unmarrieds get proposed to.
Singles: While trying to win someone's heart, you change your mind and switch to a more attractive person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22–Dec 21)
Work: A negotiation or a presentation succeeds, and the decision-maker is convinced.
Money: You make, manage, and save as planned. Investors make the right decisions and gain as expected. A loan is sanctioned.
Couples: Marrieds maintain their private life well. Families of the unmarried signal they're not happy with the latter's partner, but respect their decision.
Singles: You discover that your date also goes around with another person.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19)
Work: Entrepreneurs get new business offers—from overseas or a different city—that are full of challenges.
Money: High income helps improve cashflow and reduce debt.
Couples: Those who expect pregnancy get good news. Unmarrieds plan their wedding.
Singles: While you focus on your career or study, a friend plays cupid for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20–Feb 18)
Work: Obstacles that you had faced earlier visit you again but you overcome them easily.
Money: Income flows in from every channel. ROI is better than expected.
Couples: A social media friend or a colleague signals that he/she sees you more than a friend.
Singles: If you have secretly desired someone, you have a chance to get closer to the person. Those who have no one may fall in love.

PISCES (Feb 19–Mar 20)
Work: You solve problems quickly and achieve goals, gaining trust and decision-making power.
Money: Though the income is high, your discipline tends to drop. Don't guarantee anybody and don't let people borrow money.
Couples: If you doubt your choice of partner, you should find time to talk openly.
Singles: Be careful if you date online; you may encounter a romance swindler.

The Perils of Social Loafing

Perhaps, you are better off working independently. A social experiment proves this and psychology backs it.

By AYESHA SINGH

It's not uncommon for graphic designer Swati Aneja to drift off and daydream about all things other than the group project at hand. But this does not happen always. When tasked with an independent assignment, she works with steadfast focus. But when she's made to work in a group, her mind loiters easily. This tendency has a name. It's called social loafing and we've all been there at some point.

It has become a common occurrence today but the origins of social loafing dates back to 1913. French agricultural engineer Max Ringelmann was the one to introduce this theory through an experiment, which later came to be known as the Ringelmann's Rope-Pulling Experiments. He asked participants to pull a rope, first alone and then in a group. Ringelmann noticed that in the case of the latter, participants exerted much less effort. He found that individual productivity decreased as group size increased.

What's at play here?

A loss of motivation primarily. When the contribution of every member is put together to achieve a collective goal, loafing happens more easily. One does not feel the impulse or excitement to put their best foot forward. As a result, there is a diffusion of responsibility. One might think that somebody else will eventually do it, so why bother? The result is a compromised outcome. "When nobody's noticing your effort, it is easier to put things off. There is a lack of accountability too. You do the bare minimum and take a mental back seat. Lack of ownership makes things worse because if the project gets flack, you cannot be blamed for it," says Delhi-based leadership coach Sudhir Krishnaswamy.

Productivity takes a hit. Social loafing reduces the impact of a project. In short, it can be detrimental to professional outcomes.

There are ways to reduce this at the workplace.

Group size: Studies have shown that social loafing is less prevalent in smaller groups. This is because it is easier to notice individual contributions. The larger the group, the more chances of one's efforts getting diluted.

Work allocation: Instead of letting the team figure it out, making each member responsible for a set of tasks can reap better outcomes. By this, the morale of the staff improves as well. They know they are being watched and thus, perform well. "A pro tip: Try allocating tasks based on individual strengths of team members. Use their skills to improve the efficacy of outcomes. If they are put to a task they genuinely enjoy, the chances of them doing it well increase multi-fold," says Krishnaswamy.

Smaller team collaborations: The smaller the group, the better chance for ownership. There is no need to pile people up on a project. For maximising potential, keep the group size to four to seven members. With this, there will be better engagement and communication. In her study, 'Why individuals in larger teams perform worse,' Jennifer S Mueller from the University of Pennsylvania, the United States, found that 'employee perceives that support is less available in the team as team size increases… larger teams diminish perceptions of available support which would otherwise buffer stressful experiences and promote performance.'

Have one-member teams: In some professional environments or specific projects, one-member teams can be more beneficial than larger groups. Contrary to popular belief, working solo gets the job done as efficiently as collective ones. "Some people thrive when working by themselves as it gives them all the flexibility. It puts them in the driver's seat and gives them a sense of power. They can take more risks. It eliminates conflict too," says Gurugram-based management consultant Sheena Raj.

Evaluation: Rather than leaving this crucial step to the end of the project, it is better to take stock a couple of times in the middle. "One can achieve this by setting milestones. It is an effective way of gauging progress and monitoring performance. It also allows time for course corrections," says Raj.

Social loafing creates two distinct identities within the group. One, 'in-group' or people who identify with the common goal of the group and do what is expected by contributing equally. The other being the 'out-group' or people, who by contrast, do not participate actively, leading to a contribution disparity.

Many companies today are following Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos' 'two pizza rule,' according to which if you can't feed a group with two pizzas, it's too big. The ideal group size is anywhere between four and seven people.

Sun, Sand and Spray

Phuket's public art by local artists has cause, charm, colour and creativity

By MANJULIKA PRAMOD

The writing on the wall here is actually a drawing. The colourful walls of Phuket, Thailand's touristy kitsch capital, are its extra quotient of smartness. avant-garde images. Tags. Rollers. Skewvilles. There is undeniable energy and whimsical charm to such urban street art, from stencils to posters, paste-ups to murals. Walking along Phuket's illustrated streets, it becomes clear that the artists are recreating the country's lost cultural treasures. There are dialogues on taboo subjects such as the elephant-riding business, violence towards animals, discrimination against the girl child and more.

Old Phuket Town's eclectic art scene

Distinctive Sino-Portuguese history, cute shop-house-style wooden houses, flower-clad boutique shops, traditional art galleries, nice little cafes and UNESCO-awarded heritage adorn Old Phuket Town. The art-ornate walls of Thalang, Romanee, and Dibuk Road tell stories of Phuket's multi-cultural, multi-ethnic people, and the tumultuous past of Old Phuket Town. You know you are in Old Phuket Town when you spot the typical quaint canary yellow or turquoise blue buildings. Tread slowly to be swayed away by the striking images, captivating colours, and great artistic skills.

Street art on the way to the oldest Chinese temple in Phuket's old town

Boggle-eyed blackbird by Mue Bon on Phang Nga Road

Where to start the walk?

In Phuket downtown, start with the works of Alex Face, a famed artist from Bangkok. His three-eyed child Mardi is a bunny character, pushing a market trader's trolley with a basket full of money; it is one of his best works in Phuket. The popular character is inspired by his daughter. Mardi speaks for female children, the trauma they face after their birth, and the future that awaits them. Some expressionists would hate to know that the artist had to deface Mardi from the exterior of Peranakan Nitat Museum in Phuket Town since a majority of locals argued that it did not resonate with the values of Phuket's rich culture.

The next pitstop is Thalang Road, where the walking tour of Old Phuket Town begins. Here, Mardi is a gorgeous moon cake, wearing an Ang Ku (the famous red tortoise Chinese festive cake) costume. This vibrant piece of art woos and educates visitors about the Phuket Por Tor Festival. The red turtle cake is an offering made to ancestors during this month-long celebration festival that begins on July 29 and honours the dead. This is the most Instagrammable street art in Phuket. The Phang Nga Road is home to some of the city's oldest art galleries and has become an outdoor art gallery. A mural representing picnicking by sea on the wall of Jeed Rad Na Yod Phak restaurant is not to be missed.

Clockwise from above: Mardi done by Alex Face; street art from Phuket's old town; at the Shrine of the Serene Light, Phang Nga Road

TICK THESE OFF YOUR LIST

✣ A stand-alone theatre, Roeng Chit, on the Ban Rong Chit is an artist's hub since it's open for Phuket street artists to freely spray their thoughts on the walls around it.

✣ Piyasak Khiaosaard, popular as Muay, is a talented graffiti artist from Chiang Mai known for his wall art at Phuket's water entertainment venue, Blue Tree. One of his works has a powerful message that says 'Keep Clean The Ocean.'

QUICK TAKE

MEAT LOVER'S DEN

The Pit is a new restaurant in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi. It specialises in western-style grills and has got a smoker pit as a signature feature that gives a slow n' low finish to meats. Apple and cherry wood for the pit is procured from the founders' farm in Himachal Pradesh. Three meat specialities of the restaurant are Pork Belly, Lamb Chops and the Philly Cheese Sandwich. There are also burgers and pizzas among other things.

The Pit: 46, First Floor, Basant Lok Market, Priya Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi

ITALIAN SPECIAL

Capri, an island in Italy, has a new jewel… well almost new. The Otel La Palma has been redone by the Oetker Collection. Designed by the well-known interior designer Francis Sultana, it is set to launch on July 1. The look of the place is inspired by the island itself, the Amalfi coast, and the location's heyday of 1950s 'La Dolce Vita.' The hotel was Capri's first hotel, originally built in 1822, and has now been transformed. The 50-room-and-suite property has been created in collaboration with acclaimed Italian craftsmen and local artisans: frescos by Roberto Ruspoli, in-room artworks by Luisa Lambri, handmade rattan furniture by Bonacina, and custom bathroom fittings by Stella.

Where: Capri can be accessed by air or by sea. The closest airport is Naples International Airport. There is also a heliport in Anacapri. Other airports include Ravello and Rome.

TWIST IN THE TASTE

Pizza with the Hing Thing

By MANJU LATHA KALANIDHI

Italian chefs may call it sacrilege but celebrity chef Manish Mehrotra thinks it is gloriously Indian, *tadka maar key*. The culinary director of Indian Accent restaurants in New Delhi and New York, Chef Mehrotra is unapologetic about adding badam (almonds), besan, ajwain, hing and even garam masala to his pizza. He calls it Badam Chilla Pizza. "Almonds are delicious and nutritional in every form and that is what we are leveraging here," he says. He is known to reinterpret nostalgic Indian dishes with an openness towards global influences. He has been awarded the Best Chef in India by American Express and has been called the most exciting modern Indian chef in the world today. His restaurant Indian Accent, New Delhi, has been recognised by Time Magazine as 'Amongst the World's 100 Greatest Places.' With a personal collection of 1,200 cookbooks from across the globe, he is excited about giving a twist to classics. Here is one.

BADAM CHILLA PIZZA

Ingredients

For chilla batter

✣ Besan 1 cup
✣ Salt to taste
✣ Almond flour ¼ cup
✣ Ajwain ¼ tsp
✣ Asafoetida powder a pinch
✣ Chilli flakes ½ tsp
✣ Baking powder ½ tsp

For topping

✣ Roasted chopped almonds ½ cup
✣ Grated paneer 1 cup
✣ Sliced onions ¼ cup|
✣ Diced tomatoes ¼ cup
✣ Ginger garlic paste 2 tsp
✣ Chopped green chilli 1 tsp
✣ Garam masala ¼ tsp
✣ Red chilli powder ¼ tsp
✣ Turmeric ¼ tsp
✣ Salt to taste
✣ Chopped coriander leaves 1 tbsp
✣ Tomato purees 2 tbsp
✣ Cumin seeds 1/3 tsp
✣ Coriander and mint
✣ Chutney 2 tbsp
✣ Pizza sauce 3 tbsp
✣ Chaat masala to taste
✣ Ghee 2 tbsp

Procedure

✣ For the batter, combine all the ingredients in a bowl. Slowly add water and make the batter. Mix well removing lumps. it should have a cake batter consistency.
✣ Heat a non-stick pan on a medium flame and pour a ladle full of prepared besan chilla batter. Let the chilla cook for 2-3 minutes on either side. Apply little ghee if needed. Make 4 chillas.

For Topping

✣ Heat olive oil in a pan, add cumin seeds and allow it to crackle. Add onions and chopped green chili. keep on stirring till golden in colour. Stir in ginger-garlic paste and cook for a minute.
✣ Add tomatoes to the mixture and keep on stirring till they are cooked.
✣ Add garam masala, red chilli powder, turmeric. Keep on stirring for a minute; do not let the spices burn.
✣ Add the grated paneer and tomato puree to the pan, mix thoroughly. Season the mixture with chat masala. add chopped coriander.
✣ Add half of the roasted chopped almond and toss it well.
✣ Divide the mixture into 4 parts

For pizza

✣ Place prepared chilla on a platter, evenly spread pizza sauce over it top it up with spiced paneer mixture.
✣ Drizzle some green chutney
✣ Garnish with remaining roasted almonds

Following the Master

In celebration of the International Day of Yoga, the Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centres, India, is organising a host of programmes, including yoga *asana* classes, workshops and talks on various related topics, which are open to all practitioners seeking the knowledge of this ancient science

By NATARAJ

Clockwise from above: Swami Sivananda observes Swami Vishnudevananda doing the scorpion pose; Swami Vishnudevananda doing a headstand on an aeroplane wing; a yoga teachers' training group class

'People are waiting' were the words of Swami Sivananda to his disciple Swami Vishnudevananda... The year was 1957. Swami Sivananda, a renowned sage and yogi whose life was based on the service of humanity, sent his ardent disciple Swami Vishnudevananda on a mission to the West to take the teachings of Yoga and Vedanta to the people of the world. As a farewell token, Swami Sivananda gave him a ten rupee note with the words, 'People are waiting!'

By 1959, a Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centre was established in Montreal, Canada, and the Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centres organisation was born. Over the following decades, ashrams and centres were established in over 26 countries around the world.

Having been appointed by Swami Sivananda, as the first professor of Hatha Yoga at the Yoga Vedanta Forest Academy, Swami Vishnu mastered Hatha Yoga techniques under the guidance of his Master. He later published popular books such as *The Complete Illustrated Book of Yoga* (1960), *Meditation & Mantras* (1978) and *Hatha Yoga Pradipika: A Commentary* (1987), and was recognised as a world authority on Hatha Yoga and Raja Yoga.

Swami Vishnudevananda became known as the 'Flying Swami' for his wide travels and 'peace missions' that he undertook with his twin-engine Piper Apache plane.

He proved himself to be a great spiritual teacher and peace missionary. In the 1970s, he led peace missions in various conflict zones around the world. He marched through the troubled streets of Belfast with actor Peter Sellars, flew his plane over the no-go zone of the Suez Canal where he was challenged by Israeli airforce jets and flew over the Berlin wall from West to East in an ultralight aircraft, 'armed' with two bouquets of marigolds. He insisted on crossing borders with flowers not guns.

In 1969, he established the True World Order (TWO) with the intention to transform the global community with the disciplines of yoga. He believed that world peace can be brought about by realising one's own inner peace through yoga. These same individuals could then become peace ambassadors to share the yogic knowledge with others. This might have seemed like a pipe dream in 1969 but now 50 years later we are beginning to appreciate the impact of yoga on the world community. The Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centres pioneered the concept of the Yoga Teachers' Training Course (TTC) with the purpose of training future leaders in the disciplines of yoga. Till date, over 50,000 yoga teachers from all corners of the world have been trained to spread the practice of yoga for individual and world peace.

The *gurukula* system offered by the Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centres has been well received by the global community, who throng the ashrams and centres to learn yoga and meditation in a traditional way based on the classical 'Four Paths of Yoga'—Karma Yoga, Bhakti Yoga, Jnana Yoga and Raja Yoga. Residential 'Yoga Vacation' and TTC programmes are available at our ashrams. Yoga and meditation classes for beginners and experienced practitioners are available on a drop-in basis at our centres.

We hope you will be able to take this opportunity to hear about, question and practice the various aspects of yoga by attending our free, on-line month-long sessions throughout June.

The writer is the director of the Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Dhanwantari Ashram, Neyyar Dam, Kerala

FREE ONLINE CLASSES (June 3 to 26)

- **Sivananda asana classes with senior teachers**
- **Special asana classes—Akarma: Action in Inaction; Shwasam (breath); Padmam (lotus hip opening); Hrdayam (heart opening)**
- **Talks: 4 Paths of Yoga in Daily Life—Karma Yoga, Bhakti Yoga, Raja Yoga, Jnana Yoga; Jatharagni—the Fire of Digestion; Women walking the Path of Yoga; Vande Gurudev—The value of the Guru-parampara; Purushartha—The 4 goals of human life**
- **Surya Namaskar challenge**

For detailed schedule, visit https://sivananda.org.in/idy2022/

BELIEVE

MODERN PANCHATANTRA AT WORK

Once, a fawn and his mother were wandering through the forest. While strolling, the young one looked at his mother and asked her with natural curiosity: "Mum, you are bigger than an average dog. You are strong as well. Also, you are even faster than many of the animal species. This apart, you have got a strong pair of horns to defend yourself. Then, why do you run away when you hear a hound barking?" The mother smiled and said, "My son, I know what you say is true. However, as soon as I hear a bark, I get scared and take to my heels as fast as possible. It's in my nature."

MORAL: Sometimes, an employee will refrain from utilising his capability which he is aware of possessing. Because his inherent quality pulls him back from going forward with courage and taking a bold step. No pep talk or counselling can give courage to the coward.

EPICS FOR CHILDREN | GAURAV YADAV

Keep Your Words Soft

American radio and television writer Andy Rooney once said, 'Keep your words soft and tender because tomorrow you may have to eat them.' In the Mahabharata, a piece of similar advice was given by the wise Vidura to Dhritarashtra, when the latter was feeling disturbed at the dissensions among the Kauravas and Pandavas. Vidura told Dhritarashtra of a discussion between the son of Rishi Atri and Sadhyas—the demigods who guard the rites and prayers of greater gods.

The Rishi was wandering, looking for charity when he was noticed by the Sadhyas.

They said, 'We are unable to guess who you are, but you seem to possess intelligence and self-control. Please share some knowledge with us.'

The Rishi replied, 'I have heard that by mastery over all the passions, and observance of true religion, one should regard both the agreeable and the disagreeable like one's own self. Avoid words that are harsh and fraught with anger. Harsh words burn and scorch the very vitals, bones, heart, and the very sources of life. Therefore, the virtuous should always abstain from harsh and angry words. It is the worst kind of person who makes a harsh and wrathful speech, who pierces the vitals of others with wordy thorns, bears hell in his tongue, and is a dispenser of misery. The very gods desire his company, who, stung with reproach, does not return it himself nor causes others to return it, or who being struck does not return the blow nor causes others to do it, and who wishes not the slightest injury to him that injures him. Silence, it is said, is better than speech, if speak you must, then it is better to say the truth; if truth is to be said, it is better to say what is agreeable; and if what is agreeable is to be said, then it is better to say what is consistent with morality.'

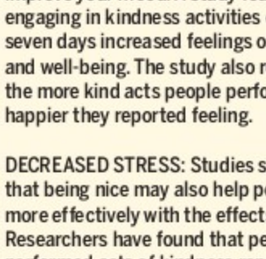
Similar thoughts have been expressed elsewhere. Jesus said, 'The mouth speaks what the heart is full of.' Words are thus a reflection of our personality and thoughts. They can bring us together or tear us apart. The Bible says, 'Gentle words bring life and health; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.'

Words carry even more importance for the young because their hearts are soft and any harsh word can leave a life-long wound. So many grown-ups can still recall a stinging rebuke by a teacher or a put-down by an elder. On the other hand, well-chosen words of love and encouragement can launch a dream and change a life. It is good to remember that words carry power; especially words spoken by someone close. Use this power wisely.

MASTER MIND

Life is too important to be taken seriously.
~ Oscar Wilde

THE BENEFITS OF BEING NICE



Prosocial behaviour is the term psychologists use to refer to actions concerned with the well-being, safety, and feelings of others. In other words, many "nice" behaviours such as sharing, cooperating, and comforting are all prosocial actions that promote the welfare of other people. Such behaviours benefit those we help and foster greater social connectedness. However, research also suggests that being nice to other people can also benefit your own mental health.

INCREASED ATTRACTIVENESS: Being a nice person can make you more attractive as a partner. In a 2019 *Journal of Personality* study, participants rated kindness as the single most important characteristic in a life partner. This means people felt it was more important than financial prospects, physical attractiveness, and a sense of humour.

BETTER MOOD: Research suggests that engaging in kind and helpful acts can help improve your mood. A study found that engaging in kindness activities each day for seven days increased feelings of happiness and well-being. The study also revealed that the more kind acts people performed, the happier they reported feeling.

DECREASED STRESS: Studies suggest that being nice may also help people cope more effectively with the effects of stress. Researchers have found that people who performed acts of kindness reported feeling less stress and negativity.

INCREASED KINDNESS: Kindness can be contagious. A study found that cooperative behaviour tends to have a cascade effect, spreading up to three degrees of separation from the source.

Source: verywellmind.com

SPIRITOLOGY Sadhguru, Isha Foundation

Asleep but Aware: Is it Possible?

Question: Namaskaram, Sadhguru. During sleep, we are usually unconscious. Is there a way we can stay aware during sleep?

Sadhguru: When you sleep, just sleep. Don't try to do something else. There is a beautiful story. For many, many years, the Saptarishis, the seven sages, lived with the Adiyogi, doing *sadhana*, learning, and absolutely bonding with him. The sharing was so profound that they did not know any other life but him. But one day, he said, "It's time to go. You have to take this to the world." He told them to go to faraway places. One to Central Asia, one to North Africa, one to South America, one to Southeast Asia, one to South India, and one to what is today the Indian part of the Himalayas. Only one stayed back with him.

If 15,000 years ago, you asked a man to go to South America, it was as good as asking him to go to another galaxy. The Saptarishis said, "We don't know where we are going, what kind of people exist there, how they will receive us, and whether they are ready for this or not. If we are in danger, or if we cannot transmit this as you wish, will you be there for us?" The Adiyogi looked at them incredulously and said, "If you are in trouble, if your life is in danger or your work is in danger, I will sleep." They got the point. But if I say this to you, you will feel terribly insecure and insulted. "I tell him my difficulties, and he says he sleeps on it!"

I thought it's time to tell you, to sleep consciously, striving is needed, but it is not enough. The most important thing is that you distance yourself from your physical nature.

To sleep consciously, you should have no sense of body. Only if your identification with the body is completely broken, will you sleep consciously. When we are awake, we are conscious, but our energies are involved and engaged in many things. We have to sit up, we have to speak, we have to do some work, we have to do something else. But if I sleep consciously, my energies are completely consolidated, and I am still conscious—that means I am at my peak performance level. So when Shiva says, "If you are in trouble, I will sleep," it means, "I will do the best possible thing for you," because then he is at his best.

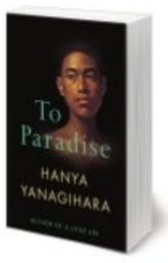
Those of you who have been initiated into *shoonya* meditation may have experienced a few moments here and there of what in yoga is called *sushupti*—that means being fast asleep but wide awake. The day this state of *sushupti* lasts for even just two to three seconds, you will not be able to sleep at night. You will be bright and alert.

Only if you are not identified with the body, will sleeping consciously become a possibility. On a certain day, a baby turtle, with great effort, meticulously, slowly, taking 24 hours, climbed up a tree, leapt off the branch, and fell flat. Again, slowly, taking another 24 hours, it crawled up, leapt, and fell flat—again and again. After four days, one of the two birds who were sitting in the opposite tree said, "I think it's time we tell him he is adopted." So I thought it's time to tell you, to sleep consciously, striving is needed, but it is not enough. The most important thing is that you distance yourself from your physical nature.

Sadhguru is a yogi, mystic, visionary and a bestselling author. He was conferred the Padma Vibhushan in 2017. Isha.sadhguru.org

Heaven and Hell in a Heartbeat

Booker-shortlisted author Hanya Yanagihara's tripartite novel is structurally complex, but demonstrates dazzling dexterity



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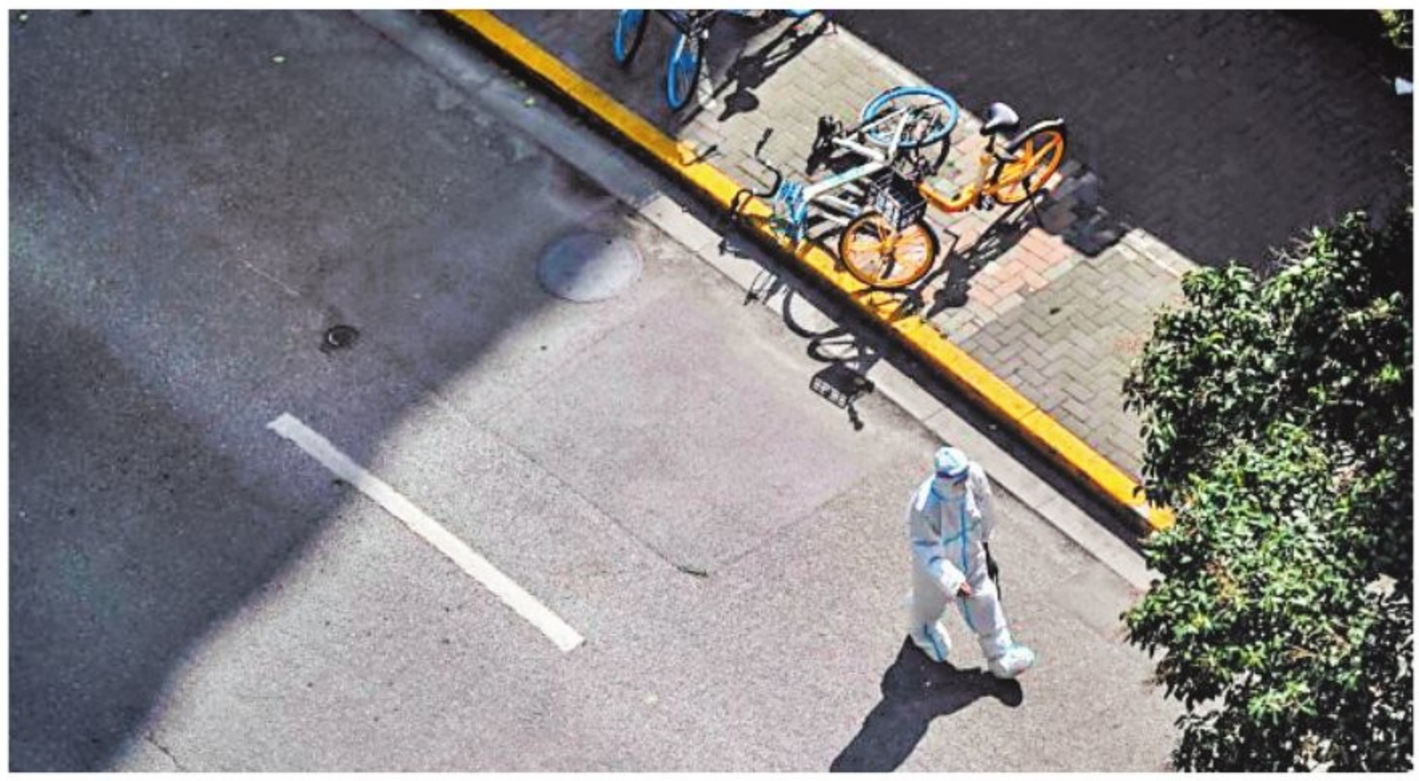


By ANUJA CHANDRAMOULI

To Paradise, Hanya Yanagihara's tripartite novel coming after her Booker shortlisted *A Little Life*, has a lot to live up to. Arranged in three thematically interrelated segments, all the action unfolds in Washington Square, taking place a 100 years apart and concerning sets of characters with the same names, though the similarity ends there. This structurally complex edifice could have easily collapsed but Yanagihara demonstrates dazzling dexterity to keep it all together.

At over 700 pages, it can be taxing on the modern reader but for those committed to seeing things through, the effort is bound to be richly rewarded. The prose is mouth-watering with the weft and warp of the narrative teeming with emotional intensity and complex sociopolitical commentary making for a disorienting experience.

The first section is set in the 1890s in a fictional New York. After the Civil War, the north-eastern states have seceded, forming the free states where homosexuality and gay marriage is acceptable although Black people are not offered citizenship and merely offered safe passage to destinations that will have them. Here, we encounter David, the scion of a pedigreed family who lives with his influential and powerful grandfather. Though coddled in the lap of affluence, David is a troubled youth, stricken with a peculiar illness that can be handled only by confinement. The patriarch, who loves David and is protective of him, tries to arrange a marriage with an older gentleman who is staid, stolid and fast becoming besotted with his intended.

"The prose is mouth-watering with the narrative teeming with emotional intensity and complex socio-political commentary"

But David meets Edward, a young and good-looking music teacher whose past raises many a red flag and is willing to risk everything in the hope that his unbearably bland existence becomes enriched by love.

The second and weakest segment of the book, 'Lipo-Wao-Nahele', is divided into two parts with the first being about David who is involved with a wealthy, older man who also happens to be his boss. Set in the 1980s, David's life is a merry-go-round of gay parties and decadence, or it would have been, if the city had not been in thrall of a horrific pandemic.

The next half is about another David who would have been king if his kingdom had not been lost. This alludes to the annexation of Hawaii by the US and the carnage left behind by colonialism.

David Kawika's life takes a dark turn when he finds himself in a toxic relationship with a man who might prove to be the death of him and leads to an estrangement with his son.

In the final futuristic section, which is easily the best, the sole female protagonist Charlie is a young woman who has been robbed of some of her faculties by a grievous childhood illness, which leaves her ill-equipped to deal with a totalitarian regime that came into being after wave upon wave of pandemics brought humanity to its knees.

Her grandfather, who was one of the well-meaning architects of this dystopia, loves her fiercely and will do anything to make sure she is safe, even if it means condemning her to a loveless marriage with a gay man and an existence leached entirely of pleasure.

As a straight woman, Yanagihara's choice to portray the inner lives of gay protagonists is iffy, especially since these characters seem entirely imagined from a voyeuristic perspective. And the constant exposition via letter writing is a stylistic device that feels artificial. But these drawbacks aside, *To Paradise* is an extraordinary effort. The characters seem afflicted with an aching vulnerability that makes them seem constantly overwhelmed and hamstrung by their real and imagined inadequacies.

Wallowing in a wellspring of weakness, their doom seems inevitable irrespective of whether they make it to utopia or remain entrapped in dystopia because the wounds within refuse to heal.

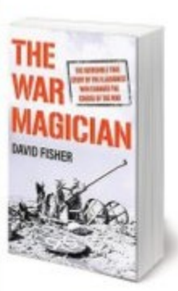
Through these fragile, fractured souls, Yanagihara asks if life is worth prolonging at all, if the quality of it is unendurably shoddy. She asks if it is responsible to bring new life into an existence that is inevitably miserable. She asks if there is a point to a safe but suffocating existence, bereft of flavour and joy. She asks if it is worth risking it all on the improbable but irresistible promise of paradise, knowing full well that it is impermanent.

There are more uncomfortable questions, but there is also a wealth of heart-wringing sorrow soaking every single page that will leave you in tears and profoundly grateful for a moving book that leaves you feeling fundamentally altered.

BOOK TASTINGS

Editor Missing
By: Ruben Banerjee
Publisher: HarperCollins
Pages: 237
Price: ₹599
A book that attempts to offer clarity on the state of Indian media at a time when there is consensus only on the lack of it. It provides rare insights into the minefield that an editor today runs into.

The Weird Women's Club
By: Aruna Nambiar
Publisher: HarperCollins
Pages: 272
Price: ₹346
A warm, witty tale about love, loss, second chances, strange bedfellows and finding your own peculiar tribe, this book is a timely challenge to society's outmoded beliefs about women's lives and identities.



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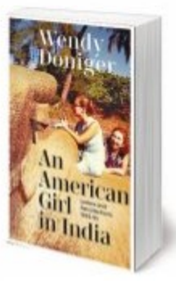

An American Girl in India
By: Wendy Doniger
Publisher: Speaking Tiger
Pages: 256
Price: ₹699
A book of letters written by 22-year-old Doniger, in which she describes, the India of 1960s, which is young, like her, still finding its feet, and learning to come to terms with the violence of Partition.

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Retellings of an Unjust Caste System

Vultures
By: Dalpat Chauhan
Publisher: Penguin
Pages: 328
Price: ₹436

By CHINTAN GIRISH MODI

Written by Dalpat Chauhan, and translated by Hemang Ashwinkumar, *Vultures* is a powerful novel about the evils of caste patriarchy and bonded labour in rural India. It is based on the real-life story of a Dalit boy who was murdered by Rajput landlords in 1964. This horrific incident took place in a village called Kodaram in the Banaskantha district of Gujarat.

Chauhan's book was first published as *Gidh* (2000) in Gujarati, and the English translation is out this year, thanks to Hamish Hamilton, an imprint of Penguin Random House India.

Ashwinkumar has dedicated his translation to "the bravehearts who are fighting the battle for Dalit rights".

His introduction provides a useful literary and sociopolitical framework to appreciate the significance of Chauhan's work and its contribution to Dalit literature.

Iso, the only son of his father Ghemar and mother Vhali, works as a *serf* on Mavajibha's land. The terms of employment are akin to slavery.

Chauhan writes, "Every year on Diwali, the tenure of his bondage would end, only to be renewed with more stringent conditions. The account would be audited, and the small withdrawals that he or his parents made throughout the year from the *masaro*—the annual contract amount—would be added up."

Iso hates this exploitative arrangement. He longs to be free, and live a dignified life. This remains a dream. He feels a deep sense of connection with vultures, as if they were bound "by an umbilical cord of ever-blazing gut-wrenching hunger."

He feels that his life is like that of vultures because he too gets to eat only scraps that are left behind after everyone has had their fill.

Mavajibha's daughter, named Diwali after the festival of lights, is sexually attracted to Iso.

She tries to seduce him when he is out in the fields on various occasions. He is enraptured by her beauty but cannot afford to reciprocate her advances because they occupy different places in the caste hierarchy. Diwali's family regards Iso's touch as polluting because he is a tanner.

She is not even supposed to go near him, so lovemaking is technically out of question.

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The author has skilfully depicted the sexual tension between them through suggestive word play, while emphasising the fear that grips Iso even as he is flattered that Diwali desires him.

Her reaction after Iso's first shave is worth noting. She tells him that he looks like a prince, which is ironic considering the fact that she also uses casteist slurs and hurts him.

Diwali says, "Iso, how long will you spurn me? One day, I will crush you in my embrace." At this point, they do not know that they are being watched by Shanoji, the ploughboy who is higher in stature than Iso because of his place in the caste system.

Shanoji likes Diwali, and wants to have a no-strings-attached sexual relationship with her. She is not interested, but Shanoji does not care about consent. He wants to have her at any cost. He tries to rape her.

The novel provides a chilling account of how Iso is first beaten, then killed, for Shanoji's crimes. The truth does not count; what matters is perception. The word of a person higher up in the caste hierarchy holds more value and credibility than a person on the lower rungs.

It is heart-breaking to read about the trauma that Iso goes through. His parents Ghemar and Vhali want to do absolutely everything they can to protect him but they are unsuccessful. Mavajibha wants to ensure that his daughter's reputation remains untarnished. He does not mind throwing Iso under the bus. Even Fulima, Diwali's mother, has no sympathy for Iso.

These people want to benefit from Iso's labour, but feel no obligation whatsoever to save his life. Chauhan's novel is just another reminder of how rotten and unjust the caste system is.

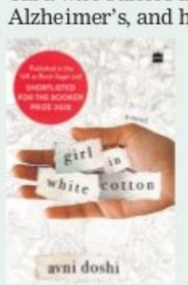
LIT PICKS

Like Mother, Like Daughter

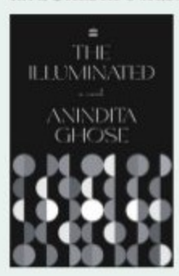
Three books that unravel the feminine bond in a family

Much has been written about the daddy's girls and the momma's boys of the world. The bond between fathers and sons has also propped up every now and then during proud moments of hand-overs and take-overs of power in families. But what about the mothers and their daughters? How much do we know about this complex, sometimes dysfunctional and potentially liberating equation that has continued to exist silently in the shadows of the more jubilant bonds? As more women mull over, if not resist the idea of motherhood, contemporary literature is making an attempt dissect the notions and aspirations of being a good mother, a good daughter, and their coexistence.

Avni Doshi's Booker-nominated *Girl in White Cotton* is the compelling story of Antara, who reluctantly takes up the responsibility of taking care of her mother, Tara who suffers from Alzheimer's, and how the relationship evolves overtime. It explores the subjectivity of choice, and shows how it is possible for two women with shared genes to interpret freedom and independence differently. Tara, in her youth, fled the conventional life laid out for a woman by the society, resulting in an inconsistent and nomadic childhood for her daughter, which in turn made Antara crave stability, making the mother-daughter reconciliation a struggle of its own when the two are forced to spend more and more time together.



Anindita Ghose's Tara in *The Illuminated* is not very different from Doshi's —she is free-spirited, rebellious and speaks her mind, quite contrary to her mother's patient and calm demeanour. Ghose takes these poles-apart characters on a journey of rediscovering each other and themselves, in the aftermath of Tara's father and Shashi's husband's death. It is in their shared grief, away from the influences of the men in their lives—father, husband, brother, son—that this mother and daughter redefine and acknowledge their bond like they did never before. Ghose's is a story of hope and possibilities, and most of all of love between the two women.



In *What We Know About Her*, Krupa Ge, quite like Doshi, steers clear of the image of the sacrificial mother. Instead her mother, a political activist, is flawed and at loggerheads with the daughter Yamuna, who is pursuing her PhD, over an ancestral home. Yamuna's resentment towards her mother, who she believes has used her, reaches an extent where the latter begins questioning her biological relationship with her. Often relationships are said to go sour owing to differences, but in Ge's novel, it is the similarity of their personalities—their strong headedness that takes a toll on this mother-daughter relationship. Like mother, like daughter? Don't think so.

by Trisha Mukherjee

Where World Meets Nagaland

It's been a satisfying journey for designer-entrepreneur Jesmenia Zeliang, who has successfully taken her Heirloom Naga brand from the small villages of the Northeastern state to the biggest lifestyle stores around the globe

By TANISHA SAXENA

The Northeast's distinctive red, black and white woven fabrics have, for centuries, been fashioned into sarongs and shawls. Nobody bothered to go beyond that, until some 30 years ago, when designer and entrepreneur, Jesmenia Zeliang, brought them right to the forefront of the global cultural map.

Indeed, many of us may not know her or her brand by name, but we have often seen, and purchased, her products from leading stores such as Shyam Ahuja, Fabindia, the Central Cottage Industries Emporium and Contemporary Arts & Crafts. And abroad, she counts big names like The Conran Shop, Crate and Barrel, Wisteria and Massimo Dutti as her long-time retailers.

Her USP? A celebration of the age-old textiles of her rural homeland, but at the same time, catering to the needs of hip, urban homes. Perfectly in place in any part of the world.

All her striking cushions and throws are woven in the traditional colours of the region, using the traditional loin loom or back-strap loom, a domestic fixture in most tribal homes across the Northeast, and celebrate the traditional geometric patterns that blend so beautifully with the monochromatic and neutral hues. The brand's latest collection, 'Nyeblao', for instance, is inspired by the tattoos and other symbols associated with the eastern Nagas.

Jesmenia Zeliang of Heirloom Naga

Hailing from the Dimapur district of Nagaland, Zeliang has always found herself deeply drawn towards the rich tradition and folk tales embedded in her surroundings. Growing up in a community that weaves its own fabric, not just promoted her love for the rich culture, but also nurtured her curiosity for fashion.

So much so that she decided to give it a go in 1992 as a small backyard project with just five women. She called her label, Heirloom Naga, and the first samples were put up in a display window at New Delhi's famous market complex, Santushti.

The success of this prompted her to approach brands such as Fabindia and Cottage Industries Emporium, and to travel further afield to Mumbai where the famous Contemporary Arts & Crafts store started stocking her ware. In time, she began exporting abroad to the big brands mentioned earlier. To great success, might we add.

It is this success and appreciation that has prompted her to go a few steps further.

"After a stint of close to three decades in the industry, I am finally intensely involved in building a craft centre in Dimapur that will showcase retail textiles and crafts from Heirloom Naga and my other hard goods company (www.caneconcept.com). This is to keep the commercial aspect going. The other, bigger aim is to showcase textiles and other exquisite basketry and indigenous crafts that I have personally collected over the years," she explains, adding, "The idea is to sensitise the public, particularly the young people, towards appreciating and endorsing handmade goods, which we believe is very crucial to keeping our cultural legacies intact."

Not just that, the centre will also include other verticals such as R&D and training centres, workshops, design studio, a hostel for designers as well as a food gallery.

As Zeliang concludes, "Through weaving, we want to continue showcasing the cultural aspects of the communities that we work with. Today, conscious customers are opting to work with indigenous people increasingly, and we feel incredibly happy that our labour of love is impacting several livelihoods."

FLAUNT

Glitz and Glam

Jimmy Choo unveils a new fashion jewellery collection that's as bold, bright and beautiful as the rest of its repertoire

By DEVIKA BATRA

Offering statement and timeless pieces, the collection, all crafted in Italy, underpins the brand's core design pillar of chic glamour

Here's another feather in Jimmy Choo's profusely plumed cap. The brand has now expanded its repertoire of luxury accessories with the launch of fashion jewellery. Offering both statement and timeless pieces, the collection, all crafted in Italy in gold-finish metal, underpins the brand's core design pillar of chic glamour across bracelets, earrings, rings, necklaces, and anklets.

"Our shoes and bags are often seen as items of jewellery that adorn the feet, wrists and hands, so the jewellery collection is a natural extension of that," says creative director, Sandra Choi, adding, "For me, the most important creative elements that make Jimmy Choo are light, fantasy and design expertise—these are realised in the distinct identities that make up our design codes—Crystals, Pearls, Monogram and Stars. The collection pinpoints the fundamental visual DNA of our brand."

The crystal has been with Jimmy Choo since the very beginning—it underscores the brand's multifaceted identity, the brand as a jewel.

Capturing light, refracting and reflecting, crystal is like a self-contained spotlight. Like, for instance, the JC Star Studs which are shaped to resemble the brand's signature star and are decorated with Swarovski crystals for a glamorous touch.

Pearls have become a new Jimmy Choo leitmotif, adding a dose of novelty and fantasy playing with the scale, shape and positioning and can be seen throughout the collection whether dressed down for day or lighting up at night.

The stand-out piece here is the JC Pearl Cuff, a classic bracelet accented with signature pearls.

The JC Monogram is rapidly becoming a 21st century Jimmy Choo emblem—a timeless pattern inspired by the interlinked JC logo that is a constant reminder of the brand's meaning and value, providing an authoritative hallmark for signature styles.

A striking example of timeless design, the JC Enamel Bangle and JC Enamel Ring, coated in glossy enamel feature the JC monogram offered in amber, pink and green.

The collection borrows references from the Bon Bon handbag throughout, and the chain necklaces feature the same length adjusting design and bangles echo the signature bracelet handle.

Take the Time to Smile

Fossil, in partnership with Smiley, has launched a limited edition capsule collection of cheerful accessories. Featuring the iconic brand's trademark smiley face and Fossil's signature silhouettes, FossilxSmiley includes handbags, small leather goods and jewellery with designs from both brands' respective heritage. All of which are part of Smiley's exclusive 50th anniversary collector's edition.

Initially trademarked in 1972 by French journalist Franklin Loufrani, Smiley is one of the most recognisable icons in graphic design, and has grown to become an international lifestyle brand with over 400 global partners, inspiring leading creatives across the worlds of art, fashion, film, music, print and pop culture.

Fifty years later, Smiley's message of 'Take the Time to Smile' remains as relevant as ever, inspiring the upbeat graphics and retro colours of the Fossilx Smiley collection. Keep smiling, keep shopping.

PICK OF THE WEEK

Casually Cool

Proline launches its first ever 'Street Style Collection' this summer

For so many years now, Proline has remained an exclusive sportswear brand, inspired by outdoor sports and adventures. Now, it has ventured into cool casuals with the launch of its first ever 'Street Style Collection.' This consists of distinctive apparels with a promise of comfort, style and fit, and is expected to ace the athleisure trend this season with influences from parkour culture.

Taking a fresh approach, the brand presents a unique offering centred around self-expression and functionality. A contrast to its previous collections, this time there are trendy joggers, edgy shorts, stylish pants and statement T-shirts, all of which scream street style with bolder cuts, oversized graphics, street signages and layered looks. A perfect culmination of innovative sportswear and the hustle-culture element of the athleisure industry.

"Designing this collection was a fulfilling experience for me and we were able to strike the right balance between fashion and functionality," says Abhay Dev, Head of Design at Proline, adding that the collection features bold yet easy-to-wear classic colours like chrome yellow, navy, red, white, and more.

Indeed, designed to bring maximum comfort, the range has been meticulously created to suit an active and always on-the-go lifestyle.

WATCH

'Don't Divide Indian Cinema Based on Regional Lines'

Actor Akshay Kumar talks about his upcoming film *Prithviraj*, his mantra to stay away from stress and why he thinks he is a producer's actor

By SHAMA BHAGAT

A still from *Prithviraj*

Superstar Akshay Kumar awaits the release of his upcoming Hindi movie *Prithviraj* on June 3, unfazed by the controversy around the film. The Yash Raj Film production is based on the Rajput warrior who clashed with Muhammad Ghori. Karni Sena, the Rajput outfit that had created a ruckus over *Padmavati*, has demanded the film's title to be changed to 'Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan'. Elsewhere, the Akhil Bharatiya Veer Gurjar Mahasabha claims that Prithviraj was a Gurjar and therefore he should be presented as one, not as a Rajput. They threaten to stall the release if their demands are not heeded. Excerpts from an exclusive interview.

How do you handle such stressful situations?
I have learned to stay unfazed. It is an inborn quality which I have worked on for the last 30 years. When I find myself in a conflicting situation, I just walk away. I don't nurse grudges. It is too much trouble. A burden I like to dump.

What made you agree to play *Prithviraj*?
When director Dr Chandraprakash Dwivedi told me that he wanted to make a period movie on Prithviraj Chauhan and asked me to play the titular role, I was apprehensive. I wasn't sure I could match the king's stature or image. The director said that there are no verified images of the king who died when he was just 36 years old. Prithviraj's images showed him to be overweight, but history proves that he was athletic and spent a large part of his life on the battlefield, wearing an iron armour that weighed 35 kg. Dr Chandraprakash convinced me that I was perfect for the role. Prithviraj was known to fight for the equality of women. The legend goes that he made his wife sit next to him on the throne and they ruled together. I was mesmerised by his personality and said yes.

> "I have always said I am a producer's actor. If my producers want to finish the shoot on a certain date, I finish it, come rain, snow or even poor health."

Which one quality of Prithviraj Chauhan would you would like to imbibe in real life?
To live grudge-free. To respect even the enemy. In earlier times, after a war, warriors would let their enemies go scot-free with respect. We too have to let go of things and learn to forgive. There is no strength greater than forgiveness. I would like to adopt it in life.

How many creative or cinematic liberties did the film take?
Dr Chandraprakash Dwivedi spent 18 years researching the king to prepare the script. We went by his script. He used to read novels and essays about the king whenever he would get time, and kept making notes.

What is the best way for such stories to reach a wider audience?
I want such stories to be told to children. I have been fortunate that the government enabled us to show movies such as *Toilet: Ek Prem Katha* to schoolchildren. It was based on an issue, yet was entertaining and driving home a powerful message. So did *Padman*. It's important to expose children to history via cinema. Although I have not taken the onus on me to do only issue-based or patriotic films, I gravitate towards movies that are loved by all. I would like to do patriotic films so that we keep our history alive.

How challenging was it to do the action scenes?
I had done some action scenes three years ago for *Kesari*, a historical film set in 1891. I wore a *pagdi* (headgear) and fired a gun. In *Prithviraj*, I had to wear armour and fight, which was challenging.

When you started your career you did a lot of raw action. After VFX has taken over, do you miss doing that kind of action?
Yes, I do. We did all the action by ourselves. VFX has made a lot of people lethargic and taken the fun out of it. But VFX is necessary because when we make films like *Prithviraj* or a biopic, we are recreating a lot of things which are not possible without the help of technology.

You are known as a safe bet for producers and directors. What are your thoughts?
It took me 30 years to get here. It's all the hard work that I have put into my career over the years that has given me this confidence and created such an image in the minds of producers and directors. I have always said I am a producer's actor. If my producers want to finish the shoot on a certain date, I finish it, come rain, snow or even poor health.

South films are doing very well at the box office. Has Bollywood taken a backseat?
Call it the Indian film industry since we are all one. My films like *Oh My God* were remade in Telugu. I also worked in remakes of southern films like *Rowdy Rathore*. Don't divide Indian cinema based on regional lines.

BUZZ CUT

NEW CHAPTER
Actor **Kriti Sanon**, who has completed eight years in Bollywood, has announced her newest venture—The Tribe, a fitness company, in collaboration with trainers Robin Behl, Karan Sawhney, and Anushka Nandani. She said her fitness journey began after she had to shed the 15 kilos she had gained for her film *Mimi*.

HITCHED, FINALLY
After a Vegas wedding, followed by a courthouse marriage in Santa Barbara, **Kourtney Kardashian** and **Travis Barker** have tied the knot in a social setting at an uber luxurious castle in Portofino in Italy, amidst friends, family and Hollywood biggies. Both the bride and the groom wore Dolce & Gabbana.

NATALIA DYER ON TRANSFORMING INTO NANCY WHEELER

"Feels pretty natural to me now."

Making the Right Noises

Sound engineer Kunal Rajan's next big-ticket project *Dost* will be headlined by Shah Rukh Khan

By MANJU LATHA KALANIDHI

Kunal Rajan

The bespectacled, bearded and ever-smiling Kunal Rajan, who was in charge of sound for *Enthiran*, *Ghajini* and *Race to Witch Mountain*, and producer of *Under the Silver Lake* and *Wild Nights with Emily* is in the mood to tick off the boxes on his bucket list.

Working with superstar Shah Rukh Khan and his production house Red Chillies Entertainment this year. Check. Chasing the 150 movie milestone. Check. Getting global recognition with Jonas Brothers 3D Concert Experience. Also Check.

The 37-year-old Puducherry-born technician is the only Indian sound designer who works both in Hollywood and Indian cinema while living in Los Angeles. As he relishes the success of his latest Tamil movie *Mahaan* that released in February, with Karthik Subbaraj, Rajan looks back at his 'sound CV' with pride. Armed with a Bachelor's Degree in Sound from Puducherry University, Kunal started by recording 'location sound' for student films. He moved to the US 15 years ago and has worked on over 150 films, including 50 horror productions since.

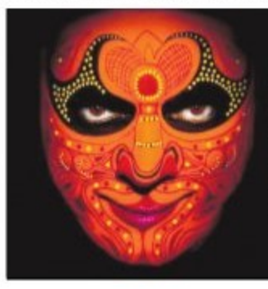
The first time he made news as an Asian technician was when he mixed a film in 'Auro 3D'—an immersive 3D sound format. This technique creates a spatial sound field by adding a height layer around the audience on top of the traditional 2D surround sound system. Creating the buzz now is *Dost*, Rajan's project with SRK in the lead and directed by Atlee to be released in 2023.

Kunal's discography is impressive enough to fetch him such big-ticket projects. With a team of 10 sound editors and mixers from Hollywood, he is one of the most in-demand sound engineers in India and Hollywood. On his resume is the Tamil musical drama *Uttama Villain* where he collaborated with Oscar-winning sound mixer Craig Mann. Kunal has also worked with legends like AR Rahman, Resul Pookutty, Karthik Subbaraj, and Vijay Sethupati.

Does he find a different sound aesthetic in Indian and Hollywood movies? "Sound in Western cinema is subtle, while it is over-the-top in Indian films. All movies record live sync sound in the West, but in India, it is dubbed. Not even the best dubbing artist or studio can replicate sync sound," says Kunal. Dialogues in Indian films are generally mixed louder than those in western films. "It has to do with the fact that Indians tend to speak a little louder than people from the West. This translates into our style of sound mixing in movies as well. There is no right or wrong in sound mixing. It's just what you as the sound designer feel is best for the movie," he explains.

Does he agree that background music or songs are more about using technology than amplifying human voice and emotion?

"It depends on the director's vision. There are movies I have worked on where the music has been used to maximise their potential to underline an emotion in the story. For example, director Karthik Subbaraj, composer Santosh Narayanan and I spent a lot of time working on the score and sound for the 2018 Tamil film *Mercury*. We had to make sure that each music cue starts and ends at the right moment to emphasise the relevant emotions. But there are some movies where music can be used as a gimmick as well. A lot of it depends on the kind of film and how the directors want to present a scene to the audience," concludes Kunal. A sound argument indeed.



NOTED MOVIES
- Race to the Witch Mountain
- The Last Hour
- Fantastic Four
- Ghajini
- Jem and the Holograms
- Step Up 3D and Step Up 2: The Streets.

BINGE BOX

RURAL CHARM
Join Abhishekh Tripathi on a roller coaster ride of emotions at the Panchayat secretary navigates love, friendship and politics in the bylanes of Phulera village all over again in the second season of comedy-drama web series *Panchayat* on Amazon Prime Video.

TRENDING

Lovestruck High *Amazon Prime*
CAST Ria Lina, Russell Hicks
PLOT A reality dating show that transports 15 UK singles to an American High School setting.

Toscana *Netflix*
CAST Sophiaas Sophia, Thue Ersted Rasmussen
PLOT A chef on the verge of selling his father's business, meets a woman who helps him rethink his approach to life and love.

The Night Sky *Amazon Prime*
CAST JK Simmons, Chai Hansen
PLOT A retired couple have a secret chamber in their backyard that turns out to be much more than they could have ever imagined.

Boss Baby: Back in the Crib *Netflix*
CAST Mary Farber, JP Karliak, Hope Levy
PLOT Theodore has to revert to his old baby self and crash with brother Tim and two nieces.

12th Man *Hotstar*
CAST Mohanlal, Unni Mukundan, Sshivada
PLOT Eleven friends get together for a bachelor party, but the celebrations go awry because of a death. A drunk cop steps in to unravel the mystery.

REVIEW

Compelling, Impressive and Important

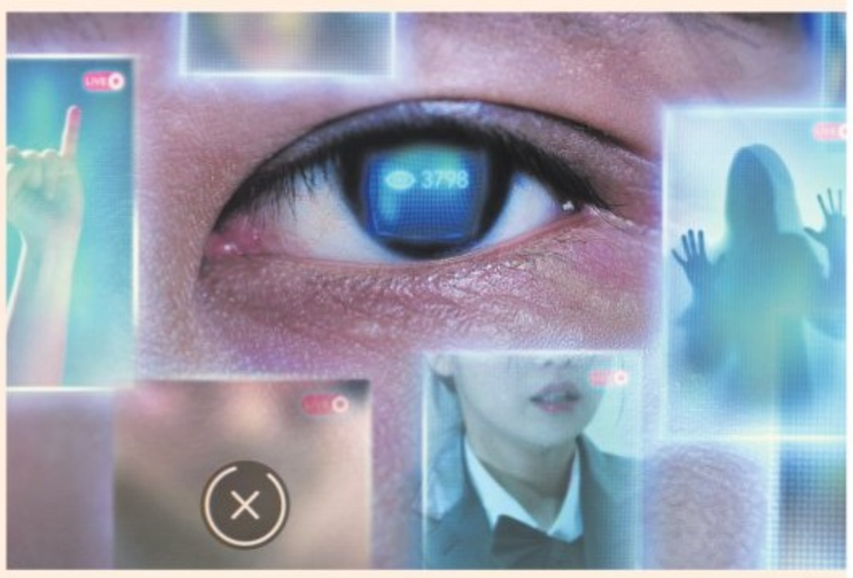
CYBER HELL
Director: Jin-seong Choi
Genre: Crime
Platform: Netflix
Language: Korean
Rating: ★★★½☆

Cyber Hell: Exposing an Internet Horror begins with mobile screens flashing messages. The words are terrifying on account of the identity of the victims—all young women, some even underage girls—who are forced to do unspeakable acts, which are then shared as videos in various groups. Props to the makers for not sensationalising the central topic of this documentary. We see the story unfold first through the eyes of a watchful journalist, who thinks this is just another cyber crime. In fact, the first half hour of the documentary serves as a reminder of the power of investigative journalism. It is through the spunk of a few journalists that this story reaches prominence in South Korea. However, the power of the internet is so much that in the wrong hands, even those wanting to do good, get taken to task. This close-knit group of harassers who took perverse pleasure in traumatising young girls apparently went after the reporters too.

The documentary is impressive in how it shows the horrors faced by the girls, refusing to exploit it. By using paintings to depict the abuse and visuals of a drowning woman, the show makes us feel the suffocation and understand the psyche of the girls. The show is also a testament to the solidarity of women, who stood for each other. In the only over-the-top scene in the documentary, we are shown how, barring one reporter (male) who rues the decision to take up this story, the other reporters—all women—are glad they pursued it.

In fact, some even feel bad about starting on this investigative journey a bit too late. This may be about sending a message about women empowerment, but it also establishes empathy for the pressures faced by the victims.

As one woman says in the documentary, "If you think about it, what made this vile system thrive is not just the demand and supply. Yes, it is a vicious cycle that feeds on each other. But what really made this go on for so long is how we judge the victims of such a dastardly act."

At the end of *Cyber Hell: Exposing an Internet Horror*, it is clear that the onus is on each of us to nip this demand-supply monster right at the bud. With the end credits montage clearly showing that this phenomenon is not restricted to South Korea, it is clear that personal restraint and desisting from victim-shaming can make this world a safer place for women.

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